



**First United
Methodist
Church**

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Church Staff

Pastor - **Jenny Seylar**

Administrative Ministries

Coordinator - **Melinda Stonebraker**

Custodian - **Don Griffith**

Chancel Choir

Director - **Alice Ann Gallagher**

Piano/Organ - **Jo Brown & Dee Wallace**

Little Friends Preschool

Director - **Jessica Goodenow**

Teacher - **Megan Coppess**

Choir Kids - **Denise Cartwright**

Choir Kids Accompanist - **Dee Wallace**

Xn Chaos Director - **Greg Brown**

Bishop of the Iowa Annual

Conference - **Laurie Haller**

East Central District

Superintendent - **Kiboko Kiboko**

East Central Iowa District

Field Outreach Minister - **Jill Sanders**

Ministers of Jesus Christ

in the World - **All the People of God!**

United Methodist News

March 2017

Come early Sunday mornings to pray for our church and community. Each Sunday starting at 7:45 am in the Gathering Place.

Pancake Supper

March 1

5:30-6:45 pm



Marriage on Tap

March 5

5:30-7:30 pm



Abigail Circle's Potato Supper

March 16

5:30-7:00 pm



Between Sundays

How often do you notice the youth in our church? In this community? In the next five years our current youth will either be in high school or will have graduated from high school. For those graduating, some will be heading into the workforce, others going to college or tech school, and some will get married and have children. Those same youth will be able to vote in the next presidential election, and they will be old enough to serve in the military.

So what does that have to do with us here at First United Methodist Church? The youth are our future, that's what! Wouldn't it be great if we could send them out into the world with a strong faith that sticks with them when the going gets tough? They may not come back to Tipton, but if they love and serve the Lord wherever they go, then the world is a little bit better because of it. That is our hope when we gather the youth together for our monthly youth group meeting and for service opportunities at other times. Sticky faith that lasts a lifetime!!

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Between Sundays ~ Thoughts from Pastor Jenny

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Still, only gathering one to two times per month with youth may not be enough. Each one of the middle and high school youth deserves to have a solid foundation in their faith. For some that growth may have started in children's Sunday school, then confirmation, and finally youth group and high school Sunday school. Others are new to their faith. They should have the opportunity to serve in the church and develop their leadership skills. Providing opportunities is the key!

As a church, it is ALL of our responsibility to see that they have opportunities for spiritual growth. How, you may ask, can you help? Teach Sunday school, become a youth leader, serve supper at youth group, mentor a confirmation student, or provide scholarship money for youth to go on service trips and retreats. Get to know our youth, and see what amazing young people they are!!

For more information about our youth ministry, see page 6 or contact Pastor Jenny or Bobbie Lieser through the church office.

The Leadership Council approved, in January, a new staff position to focus on spiritual formation and discipleship for ages 0-115. The salary is pending approval.

Tipton First United Methodist Church

Position Description: Discipleship Ministries Coordinator

Primary Function:

Have a desire to serve God by coordinating discipleship ministries for persons in all stages of life, birth through death, for the church.

Reports to: Church Pastor and the Staff Parish Relations committee (SPRC)

Main Emphasis areas:

1. Preschool thru 6th grade discipleship ministries including Sunday school, vacation Bible school, and special events.
2. Youth Sunday school and confirmation, including coordinating with the youth group team.
3. Adult discipleship ministries including Sunday school, GIGs, retreats and special events.

Specific Functions and Responsibilities in order to meet the mission of the church- To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world:

1. Develop leadership, recruit volunteers, and support of volunteers in emphasis areas
2. Coordinate curriculum assessment, purchase, and adaptation to meet specific needs
3. Provide support for families and leaders for those participating in the main emphasis areas.
4. Organize events, curriculum, and volunteers
5. Communicate regularly with those in the main emphasis areas and to the church at large about events and ministry opportunities
6. Meet regularly with the Spiritual Formation Team to coordinate ministries
7. When appropriate, provide support for the Sunday worship service
8. Consult with the churches in the Ministerium to provide leadership from the church for vacation Bible school
9. Consult the master calendar for the church to coordinate events and spaces
10. Set ministry goals that align with the mission, vision, and yearly goals of the church

Schedule and Time Sheet

Work 20 hours per week year around, including Sundays during the school year and in the summers as needed, keeping track of hours on a timesheet.

Qualifications: High school degree or the equivalent, with post high school education preferred, but not required. Must have a passion for Spiritual formation and discipleship ministries.

Other Information:

Continuing Education in Discipleship ministries will be expected and funding will be provided.

Compensation: \$15.00 per hour. *Pending Leadership Council/Finance Committee Approval

To apply for the position, send a letter of application and resume to:

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Tipton, Iowa 52772

Attention: Rev. Jenny Seylar

Or email to jenny.seylar@iaumc.net

Church Phone: 563-886-2331

Revision Date: February 20, 2017



Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper and Worship March 1

The Ash Wednesday Pancake supper will be served from 5:30-6:45 pm in the dining room. In addition to pancakes, there will be sausage, eggs, fruit, and

beverages. If you're able to help setup, serve, or cleanup or to bring food, contact Renee Mente or the church office. Freewill offering goes toward mission projects. Come in time for supper and then stay for Ash Wednesday worship in the sanctuary at 7:00pm led by the Confirmation Youth.

Mission Trip 2017

Baton Rouge, LA — March 11-18

Come to worship March 5 to bless and send off the team of 5 youth and 4 adults going to Baton Rouge to do rebuilding from the 2016 flooding. As of late October, teams in Louisiana were still mucking out the mud and crud from the flooding and planned to begin the rebuilding process in December. Our group will be timed right to continue rebuilding. Ed, the Coordinator in Baton Rouge, said that there were more square miles of damage from the 2016 floods there than from Hurricane Katrina, but this storm didn't have a name and so didn't receive much media coverage. 150,000 homes were damaged.

How can you provide support?—Be present at worship March 5 for the blessing and sending of the team, contribute to the “Gas Can Offering” on March 5 to offset costs of gas for the trip, pray for the team, provide treats (drop off at the church office before by March 10).



Thank You!

Each year we have many great people and organizations that help serve the Shared Blessing meals. We would like to take a moment and thank them. There were 14 groups/organizations that have helped this past year. Along with these groups there are also the individuals that serve as host and those that drive the bus.

Without your help and support the Shared Blessings community meals would not be possible. **Thank you all very much for all that you have done!**

With that said, we ask that groups prayerfully consider signing up to help again this year. If you are a part of a GIG or another group or just have a group of friends who would enjoy serving others, please consider getting involved. We could also use a few extra people to serve as **hosts** when we have outside groups. Hosts show them around the kitchen & provide guidance. Also needed are **bus drivers** to pick up people from Senior Park. Training is provided for all positions. Contact Renee Mente or Heather Strefling if you have questions or want to volunteer.

Rummage Sale

It's time to start going through the cabinets and cleaning out those unused items around the house. And we know a great place to get rid of those things: the annual church rummage sale to benefit mission work trips!

This year's rummage sale is scheduled for May 5-6. If you have gently used items you would like to donate, please consider giving them to the sale.

Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.



Open your hearts
to the love God
instills . . .
God loves you
tenderly. What God
gives you is not to be
kept under lock and
key, but to be shared.

-Mother Teresa

~~Auditors~~ People who can run a calculator Needed

It's time to audit all of our books to ensure accuracy. Treasurers of committees, please bring your financial records to the office at the beginning of February. We need volunteers to review the books, double checking the entries and the addition and subtraction. If you're interested in this surprisingly simple task, please contact the church office. Training provided. Thank you!

Save the Dates: VBS 2017

VBS will be at the United Church of Christ this summer in the evenings Sunday, July 23—Tuesday, July 25.

Sunday Morning Schedule

- 7:45 Prayer
- 8:30 Choir Kids Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 Children, Youth, & Adult Sunday School & GIGs throughout the building
- 10:00 Snacks in Gathering Place
- 10:30 Worship
- 11:30ish Fellowship Coffee in the dining room

Receiving New Members March 5

We will be receiving new members into our congregation on Sunday, March 5 during Worship at 10:30. If you are interested in joining the church, or want some more information, please contact Pastor Jenny.

Abigail Circle's Potato Supper

Thursday, March 16

5:30-7:00 pm

The annual Abigail Circle's Potato buffet will be held Thursday, March 16. There will be potatoes with all the toppings, homemade salads, and desserts. A Free will offering will be collected to support mission projects.



Holy Week is coming

Please mark your calendars for these dates in April:

Good Friday worship 7:00 pm, April 14

Prayer Vigil 6 am-6 pm Saturday, April 15

Easter Sunday is April 16, early worship at 7:30 am, breakfast following. Sunday school at 9:00 am; worship with communion at 10:30 am.



Give Online

Who: Anyone wanting to give who has a bank account, credit card, or debit card.

What: Give securely online as a one-time payment or automatically recurring payment.

When: Anytime, and especially when you'll be gone for vacation, family events, athletic tournaments, etc.

Why: Why use online? It is simple, convenient, no checks to write, can be one-time or automatically recurring; Why give? Financial stewardship is a spiritual discipline, partnering with others to do God's work in the world.

Where: <http://www.tiptonumc.org>

How: Click the Give Now button, setup an account, and submit your gift, or contact the church office for more information.

*Let the heavens be glad
and let the earth rejoice;
and let all say among
the nations,
The Lord Reigns!*

1 Chronicles 16: 31

Spiritual Formation



Marriage on Tap

Sunday, March 5th, join other married couples for our second Marriage on Tap 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Sal's Pizzeria in Tipton. Cost \$25 per couple includes meal, childcare and lively stories from Reverends Paul and

Gayle Wilcox. Limited spots fill quickly so register today at tiptonumc.org or contact Kiley Schultz c3k2schultz@gmail.com, Bobbie Lieser blieser@gmail.com, or the church office.

IF:Gathering Recap

Thank you, Jesus, for a great gathering of women for the IF conference Feb 3-4. We hosted 55 women for the weekend of spiritual renewal focused on the personal challenge to follow Jesus and make disciples. Additional thanks to the local leadership team of Amy Glick, Jess Goodenow, Brian Heil, Kelly Jauron, Bobbie Lieser, Kiley Schultz, Pastor Jenny Seylar, and Melinda Stonebraker for the effort extended to put the event together.



Worship In March

2017 Lenten Series and Study:
THE BALANCING ACT: A DAILY REDISCOVERY
OF GRACE

Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday, "Leaving Room"
Youth-Led Service and Pancake Supper

Scripture: Matthew 11:27-30; Gal. 1:15

Mar. 5 "Looking Within," Holy Communion
Reception of New Members, Blessing
Mission Team

Scripture: Romans 12: 1-3 (The Message)

Mar. 12 "Noticing God"

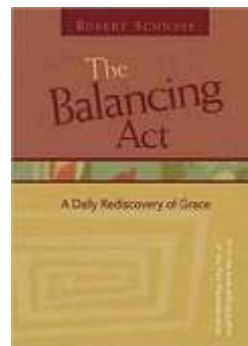
Scripture: Mark 13: 32-37

Mar. 19 "Finding Courage"

Scripture: Romans 8: 28-39

Mar. 26 "Embracing Change"

Scripture: John 3: 1-17



Lent Studies start March 5

If you've been waiting for "just the right time" to join a small group, please consider Lent "just the right time"! Many groups will be studying *The Balancing Act* this Lent. In this book, Richard Schnase invites readers to take a daily look at how to watch for and include God in their lives. Our lives are filled to capacity with routines, habits, conversations, surprises, and disappointments. With all that's going on in life, it's easy to miss those quiet moments of grace which come more often than we realize. But they are there. *The Balancing Act* is written to inspire prayer, conversation, questions, and change. Topics include spiritual attentiveness, life goals, and prayer.

To order a copy of the book for personal study or to join a group, please contact the church office.

GIG Times and Locations

Sundays 9:00 am – 5 groups

Tuesdays 1:00 pm – Room 113

Wednesdays 6:30 pm – Berean Rm

Thursdays 10:00 am – Room 113

Bible Study 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm – Wesley Room

Prayer Guides Available

Contact the church office to order a copy of the prayer reflection and discussion guides used in January/February for yourself or someone else.

Interactive Prayer Stations

The interactive prayer stations used in worship on Sunday, February 19 will remain setup for a couple weeks for you to stop in and explore again or experience for the first time!

Normal Schedule for Youth Monthly Meetings:

5:30-7:00 Grades 5-7; 6:30-8:30 Grades 8-12. Common Supper is shared 6:30-7:00.

March:

- 1 - Monthly Meeting; All Ages meet 5:30-8:00pm (see article below-right)
- 11-18 (Spring Break) - Youth Mission Trip to Louisiana (see page 3)

Chili Cook-off 2017 Pictures



Youth enjoying their chili.



Spoon Trophies—thank you Christine Boeve.



Kids for Christ
Sunday, March 12
2:30 to 4:30
All ages are welcome!

Ash Wednesday Worship

Join us for worship on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm for worship. The confirmation youth will be leading the worship service with Pastor Jenny.

Chili Cook-off a success

Thank You to all those who participated in the 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off and Bake Sale! There was a great turnout, and we filled lots of rooms in the church with people eating and talking about our youth! That's awesome! 13 teams...it was great! We raised just under \$800! Thank you to the judges, the youth, and to the rest of the church, for the support!

The winners were:

Best Tasting: Adam Heil

Most Creative: Grady Glick, Kaden Rezac, and Caleb Shumaker

Spiciest: Jesse Lieser and Tiger Emrich

Crowd Favorite: Grady Glick, Kaden Rezac, and Caleb Shumaker



Crowd favorite and Most Creative Award Winners.



Judges hard at work.

Youth Group March 1

Youth will be meeting 5:30-8:00pm. They will be helping with the Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper and doing some other activities. The group will then worship together in the Sanctuary at 7:00.

Time to register for Summer Camp

The United Methodist Camp brochure for 2017 has been published and mailed. If you didn't get one and want more information about the camps available through our church's annual conference, request information from the church office or go to <http://www.iaumc.org/camps>. Partial scholarships from our local church are available with matching funds available from the Conference. Contact the church office for a scholarship request form.

Save the Date: Children lead worship April 30

Creative Worship is planning special worship events each quarter on the 5th Sundays. In April the 5th Sunday will be "Children Lead Worship Sunday". Parents, please mark your calendars for worship at 10:30 am. More information will be distributed through Sunday School.

- 1 – Jeff Ormsby, Kathy Vance, Roger & Karen Regennitter
- 2 – Eldon Beers, Franklin Bierman, Jack Shipley, Bonnie Swick, Helen & Merlyn Timm
- 3 – Phil Seydel, Hannah Smith
- 4 – Katie Shaull
- 5 – Ken Gould, Alexander Wright, Randy Behne & Jennifer Rinas
- 6 – Scott Barber
- 7 – Blair Nebergall
- 9 – Mary Kathryn Gault-Allen, Robert Glick, Mary McKinney
- 10 – Kevin Anderson, Betty Elijah, Dorie Kordick-Wanek, Rich & Kiaya Rickard-Urban
- 11 – Caroline Wright
- 12 – Katie Rippentrop
- 13 – Alaina Butler, Ellen Fear, Lily Johnson, Todd Smith
- 14 – Sherry Schmidt, Gloria Willer
- 15 – Jesse Lieser
- 16 – Cortney Curry, David Waugh, Dawn & Kevin Spickermann
- 17 – Pastor Jenny, Hunter Smith
- 18 – Lynn Gallagher, Callie Seylar
- 19 – Garry O'Leary, Nicole Paul, Marc Weaver, Rick & Judy Rouse
- 20 – Jason Brown, Erik Eisele, Josh & Alisha Hubler
- 21 – Roberta Gesling
- 22 – Lesley Puffer, Craig & Kimberly Regennitter
- 23 – Adam Fitch, Michelle Smith
- 25 – Dave Fetterman, Karen Zobel
- 26 – Chase Timmerman
- 27 – Carmen Hoffman
- 28 – Amelia Cundiff
- 29 – Carly Puffer
- 30 – Blake Beck, Keegan Mente
- 31 – Alvin & Mary Wright

(Please contact the church office for additions and/or corrections.)

Oh what peace we often forfeit,
oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

-Joseph Scriven from the hymn
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hospitalized/Procedures: Rex Idlewine

Healing: Ellen Fear, Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Bob Gould, Arlene Hein, Jen Johnson, Carsten Kime, Chris Kuehl, Chuck & Renate Lee (Berrie Glick's bro, sis-in-law), Ted Licht, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, Brady Miller (Sherry Willey's grandson), Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Melissa Roth, Mike Smith, Dawn Spickermann, Karen Strefling, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Individuals & Families experiencing loss, especially Denise Cartwright (and her mom, Marilyn) after the loss of step-dad, Gary Taylor

The Family of Ron Schroeder after the loss of his father Roger. Grandchildren are Ashley (Schroeder) Wubben and Ryne Schroeder

Comstock family

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration

Persons in employment limbo

Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

In Treatment: Gary Davis (Penny Webb's dad), Linda (Kay Miller's sis), David Hammer (Denise Cartwright's uncle), Jerry Swinton, Jon Williams

Hospice/Palliative Care: Joe Cheshareck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul

Can't Make Worship?

Visit the Website.

Weekly Sermons and Bulletins are posted at tiptonumc.org. If you miss worship, catch up at the website tiptonumc.org. If you want to give online, that is available at the website, too.

Liturgists Twyla Hein – Coordinator

- 5 – Lois Salmonson
- 12 – Ron Salmonson
- 19 – Lorna Muller
- 26 – Ruel Wehde

Power Point Becky Young – Coordinator

- 5 – Ethan Seylar
- 12 – Renee Mentel
- 19 – Melinda Stonebraker
- 26 – Carmen Hoffman

Fellowship Coffee Barb Rickard – Coordinator

- 5 – J & Roberta Gesling, Pat Fankhauser
- 12 – Larry & Berrie Glick, Gail Fleming
- 19 – Stonebrakers, Larry & Kathy Houstman
- 26 – Kim Cross & Twyla Hein, Don & Melissa Roth

Greeters Becky Young – Coordinator

- 5 – Licht Family
- 12 – Steve & Cheryl Person
- 19 – Larry & Kathy Houstman
- 26 – Bob & Barb Rickard

Nursery Office – Coordinator

- 5 – Rogstad Family
- 12 – Volunteer Needed
- 19 – Volunteer Needed
- 26 – Kris Clark

Children's Lesson Office – Coordinator

- 5 – Brian Heil
- 12 – Gail Fleming
- 19 – Kris Clark
- 26 – Pastor Jenny

Ushers Kay Miller – Coordinator

- 5 – Sherry Willey & Rosie Hill
- 12 – Glicks
- 19 – Rippentrops
- 26 – Glicks

Communion Stewards Donna Gault – Coordinator

- 5 – Renee Mentel

Acolytes – Kim Walter – Coordinator

- 5 – Ava & Owen Boldt
- 12 – Owen & Emmett Steinman
- 19 – Gavin Roth & Lea Stonebraker
- 26 – Noah Johnson & Anton Slach

January

Worship: 1–51, 8–139, 15–119, 22–121, 29–116
Average 109

Sunday School 8–89, 15–83, 22–70, 29–76
Average 80; Offering \$39.75.

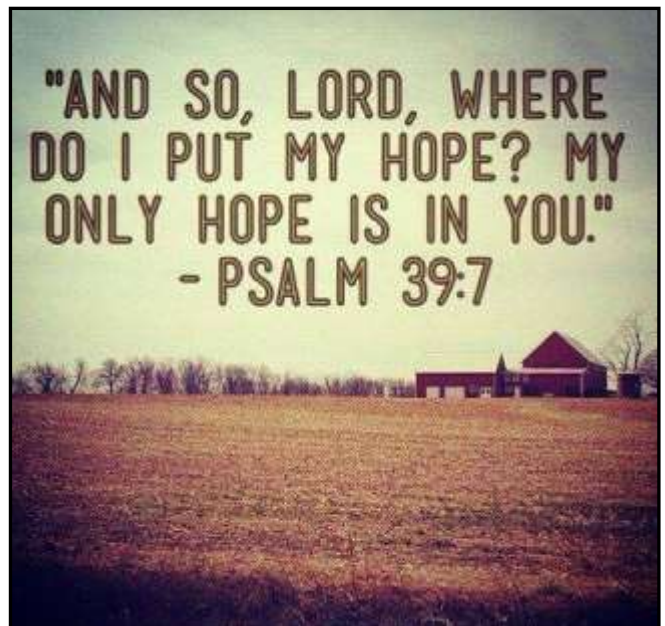
General Fund \$23,312.88, Upper Room 7.40, Apportionments 135.00, Leaving a Legacy 15.00, Marriage on Tap 75.00, Shared Blessings 33.50, LFP Teacher 886.32, LFP Director 299.03, Missions 90.00, Copper Kettle 242.18, Mission Work Trip 501.95, UMCOR 25.00. **Grand Total: \$25,623.26**

February through Feb 12

Worship: 5–145, 12–134
Average so far 140

Sunday School 5–95, 12–63
Average so far 79; Offering \$4.25.

General Fund \$5,759.50, Apportionments 125.00, Leaving a Legacy 15.00, Marriage on Tap 50.00, Shared Blessings 6.00, LFP Teacher 886.32, LFP Director 299.03, Missions 65.00, Seminary Fund 250.00, Copper Kettle 97.86, Mission Work Trip 300.00. **Grand Total so far: \$7,853.71**



March Calendar



Every Sunday

7:45 am Prayer
8:30 am Choir Kids
9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday
5:30-8:00 pm Youth Group
5:30 pm Pancake Supper
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, March 2

9:30 am Communion @ Cedar Manor
10:00 am GIG

Sunday, March 5

10:30 am New Members Received; Blessing of Mission Trip Team

Monday, March 6

6:45 pm Missions Meeting

Tuesday, March 7

1:00 pm GIG

Wednesday, March 8

1:30 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Hand Chimes
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, March 9

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, March 11

7:30 am Mission Trip Team departs to Louisiana
11:00 am Shared Blessings

Sunday, March 12

Mission Trip
2:30 pm Kids for Christ
6:00 pm Dominoes

Monday, March 13

Mission Trip
6:30 pm Chaos

Tuesday, March 14

Mission Trip
1:00 pm GIG

Wednesday, March 15

Newsletter Deadline
Mission Trip
6:00 pm Hand Chimes
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, March 16

Mission Trip
10:00 am GIG
5:15 pm Girl Scouts 5302
5:30-7:00 pm Potato Buffet
6:30 pm Trustees

Friday, March 17

Mission Trip

Saturday, March 18

Mission Trip Returns Home

Monday, March 20

3:00 pm Circle of Friends
7:00 pm Creative Worship

Tuesday, March 21

1:00 pm GIG
6:15 pm Girl Scouts 8196
6:30 pm Leadership Council

Wednesday, March 22

8:00 am Holy Folders
4:30 pm Girl Scouts 4231
6:00 pm Hand Chimes
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, March 23

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, March 25

11:00 am Shared Blessings

Monday, March 27

6:30 pm Chaos

Tuesday, March 28

1:00 pm GIG
2:00 pm Prairie Hills Program

Wednesday, March 29

6:00 pm Hand Chimes
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, March 30

10:00 am GIG



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March Events

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| Mar. 1 — Youth Group | Mar. 15 — Newsletter Articles Due |
| Pancake Supper | Mar. 16 — Potato Buffet |
| Ash Wednesday Service | Mar. 20 — Circle of Friends |
| Mar. 5 — Marriage On Tap | Mar. 21 — Leadership Council |
| Mar. 11-18 — Mission Work Trip | Mar. 22 — Meeting of the Holy Folders |
| Mar. 11 — Shared Blessings | Mar. 25 — Shared Blessings |
| Mar. 12 — Dominoes | ***Full list of events on Page 9*** |

Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”