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United Methodist News

July 2017



VBS Camp Out 2017 **Getting S'More of Jesus**

hosted by the United Church of Christ
600 Mulberry Street.
Sunday, July 23–Tuesday, July 25
6:00–8:00 pm



Church Staff

Pastor - **Jenny Seylar**
Discipleship Ministries
Coordinator - **Melinda Stonebraker**
Administrative Ministries
Coordinator - **Greg Brown**
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**
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Conference - **Laurie Haller**
East Central District
Superintendent - **Kiboko Kiboko**
Ministers of Jesus Christ
In the World— **All the people of God!**



Join Us For Worship In The Park

Ecumenical Worship Service
July 30, 10:00 am
Lower shelter in the city park
Theme: We Gather Together

Featuring music led by the praise bands from
Calvary Four Square Church and 1st UMC

A potluck lunch will follow worship. Bring a dish to share,
table settings, and lawn chairs. Drinks will be provided.

For more information:

Contact the office at 1st UMC, 886-2331
Or visit us on the web at tiptonumc.org
Or you can email us at office@tiptonumc.org

*I have told you these things, so that in me
you may have peace.*

In this world you will have trouble.

But take heart!

I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Between Sundays ~ Thoughts from Pastor Jenny

This newsletter article marks the completion of our first year together in ministry at First UMC. I don't know about you but it seems like things have gone pretty fast! All kinds of relationships have their ups and downs, and, in the words of the District Superintendent Kiboko Kiboko, our "arranged marriage" is no exception. Still, I believe we have grown together in love, understanding, and ministry. I humbly thank you for the part you have played in doing ministry with me and with one another.

As we look ahead to our second year together, we will continue to discern how God is calling us to continue to love one another and make disciples for Jesus Christ. Melinda Stonebraker, our new Discipleship Ministries Coordinator, and I will be spending time in prayer and planning in order to discern the immediate needs for discipleship ministries in the church. Already we know that we need leader training and support for all who are serving in the ministries of the church. Stay tuned to see where God will be leading us.

I also want to thank you all for your patience and understanding with my schedule. I have been spending a fair amount of time each week reading textbooks, writing papers, and watching professor's videos. All this to prepare for my final four classes in seminary Course of Study.

In addition to being the first female pastor, I am also the first pastor who is still completing seminary. I will spend the last 2 weeks of July at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary near Chicago. In September I will meet with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry (dCOM). Then in early 2018 I will meet with the state Board of Ordained Ministry (BoOM). In between I will be required to write answers to a number of theological questions in order to assess my readiness for Associate Membership as a pastor. I am currently serving as a Local Licensed Pastor. I appreciate your prayers and understanding as I finish this transitional time of ministry.

In the meantime, I will continue to support you in times of crisis, spend time listening to your stories, and will seek to provide Christ-centered leadership for this church. I pray God will continue to bless our ministry together.

-In Christ's Service, Pastor Jenny



Little Friends Preschool graduating class of 2017!

Congratulations Graduates!



Missions

Thanksgiving Ingathering Brochure

The 2017 Ingathering brochure will soon be available at the back of the sanctuary and in the office. Pick up a copy of this information – toss brochures from prior years. It's easy to put together kits...consider making up a few kits with your family or a group of friends. The Dedication of Ingathering Kits will be held on the Sunday prior to Ingathering so all kits must be turned in by October 29. The Ingathering will be held Saturday, November 4 in Mt. Pleasant.

UMCOR Health Kits. . .

Help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect and are used as teaching tools for children. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves. Add \$1 per kit for toothpaste to be purchased by the UMCOR Depot.

- 1 new washcloth
- 1 new hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")
- 1 bath-sized bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz. or larger); No Ivory or Jergens
- 1 large, **sturdy** comb (not pocket-sized)
- 1 new toothbrush in original, sealed wrapper, not child-sized
- 1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

Some other kits to consider putting together are; School kits, Sewing kits, Layette kits.

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Mission Market

The Mission Market will open at the end of June for fresh garden produce in the church's breeze-way. If you have extra produce you'd like to donate, please bring it to the church. Any **FREEWILL DONATIONS** given for the fruits and vegetables will go to mission projects. Thanks!



HACAP Food Pantry
July 14 3:30-4:30
Methodist Church
Parking Lot



Saturday, July 8
Saturday, July 22
Saturday, July 29
11:00 am until noon

Micah 6:8 says that the Lord
requires us
"TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO LOVE
MERCY
AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH
YOUR GOD."

When we share from our
abundance, we are
acting justly and
reflecting our desire
to serve God.

Every day we
live is a priceless
gift of God,
loaded with
possibilities
to learn
something new,
to gain fresh
insights.

-Dale Evans Rogers

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.

Road Trip Anyone?

If you're interested in a bus trip August 2-6 going to a Southern Gospel Music event in Lebanon, Missouri, contact Linda Huff at 641-295-3017. At this time there are a few more seats available.

Friend Ministry needs your help

We have had a good response with several adults who want to be part of the Friend Ministry, but we need more because our congregation is blessed with many children! If you've already signed up, great! Now, invite a friend or two to sign up also! If you haven't signed up, maybe you don't know what Friend ministry is. It is a new intergenerational ministry to connect adults in our congregation with children and youth. Studies indicate that children and youth who had positive adult influences—in addition to parents—are more likely to be healthy adults. Similar research indicates that the “stickiness” of faith—whether faith sticks from childhood into adulthood—is also influenced by having positive influences from other adults in the church.

Adult Friends will extend the love of Christ and care of the Church by being supportive of their young Friend. This may include greeting them at worship, attending music or sporting events or other extracurricular events, sending birthday cards, making a phone call or sending a text message occasionally to say hello, inquiring to learn more about how they're doing in school, etc. And, of course, praying for your friend. It's really just being a caring adult present in our faith community. Sign up today by talking to Heidi Shumaker, Jen Johnson, Melissa Roth, Melinda Stonebraker, or contacting the church office.

Ridiculous Day Baked Goods and Produce Sale

Friday, August 4

8:00–11:00 am

(Or until sold out)

Lawn in front of the Court House

(note location change)

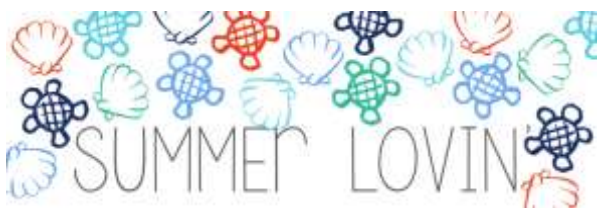
What was once the task of the UMW is now that of the entire church. This regularly held bake sale raises funds for camperships through our church. Anyone who can is asked to provide produce or baked goods or make a contribution.

We will have 3 shifts, 7:00 am set up, 8–9:30 am and 9:30–11:00 am. There is a need for 2 workers for each shift. Kathy Houstman and Becky Young are the coordinators this year. Berrie Glick will be our cashier. Contact Kathy (lkhoustman@yahoo.com or 563-886-6239) or Becky (bbyoung49@gmail.com or 563-357-1245) to sign up for a shift or ask a question.

Please save grocery sacks for us. Items can be dropped off at the church or at the Court House on Aug. 4th. Please consider helping out with this great



Worship In July



We will be continuing our Summer Lovin' worship series in July with Mountaintop Experiences, The Wedding at Cana, and other engaging summer themes. Be sure to check out the weekly devotional booklets that follow each of the themes. Paper copies are available at the church and they can also be found on the website.

July 2	“United We Stand” Holy Communion	Luke 1:67–80 (NRSV)
July 9	“To Have and To Hold”	John 2:1–12 (TLB)
July 16	Dale Seylar Preaching	TBD
July 23	“Mountaintop Experiences”	Jennifer Peterson Preaching
July 30	“We Gather Together” Outdoor Worship at the Park, 10:00 am (See first page)	Ephesians 4: 1–7, 25–27, 29, 32

Summer Lovin' Devotions

Summer is not a time to skip time with God, even though it's a good time for a change of pace. Many of our classes and GIGs take a break to allow more family and outdoor time. To fill the gap and provide meaningful ways to connect with God, we are creating devotions to accompany the fun themes of summer that we are using in worship. They're available in paper form each Sunday at worship and also online at tiptonumc.org under Worship->Bulletins. Please try them out!

Prayer

A few months back our focus was on prayer and recently I come across an article in the “Interpreter” (March/April 2017) titled “Come Away: Starting or Restarting Spiritual Practices”. Whether prayer comes easy to you or you sometimes struggle with it; this article is well worth the read. Here are a few excerpts:

“Do you pray? It may sound like a silly question, but pause and consider it.”

“Do your practices invite you to “come away” and rest with God, or do they feel like yet another item on your never-ending task list?”

“Do you long to “come away” with God but simply are not sure where to start? Are you stuck in a rut or do you have false expectations of blissful quiet time apart? Are you too busy to consider what a restful spiritual practice may look like? Discovering delight with God does not happen by accident nor is it always picture perfect. That is one reason I savor time with God as practice, not perfection.”

Sunday Schedule

8:00 Prayer

9:30 Worship

10:30ish Fellowship Coffee in the
Gathering Place

GIG Times and Locations

Tuesdays 1:00 pm – Room 113

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.

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.

God's love never ceases.

Never...

God doesn't love us less

if we fail or more

if we succeed.

God's love never

ceases.

-Max Lucado

Schedule for Monthly Youth Meetings:

Youth Group Spring/Summer Calendar

July

5th – 5th to 12th grade,
Pool party at Aquatic Center
6–7:30 pm

6th—Painting Party –see below

Watch for more details about a mission week in July!

August

2nd – 5th to 12th grade,
Bowling Party at Cedar Lanes.
6–7:30 pm

19th OR 26th

5th to 12th grade, Canoe Trip!



Cedar County Fair

We have many youth in our congregation that are members of either 4-H or FFA. Countless hours have been spent creating amazing projects and taming the most stubborn livestock. July 11-16 these youth will be presenting their labors for all to see. Please consider stopping out to the fair to support these hardworking individuals.

VBS Camp Out 2017

Getting S'More of Jesus

This year VBS is hosted by the United Church of Christ, located at 600 Mulberry Street. VBS will be held 6:00–8:00 pm nightly.

Sunday, July 23–Tuesday, July 25.

Optional meals will be served from 5:00–5:45 pm each night for \$3/person or \$10/family.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. All children who are age 4, or will be by Sept 15, through those children going into 6th grade are invited to VBS. Older youth and adults are invited to help at VBS. Registration forms for children and volunteers are at our home page, tiptonumc.org. We also need some supplies. If you're able to provide any of the supplies listed, please contact the church office or email Melinda at discipleship@tiptonumc.org.

- ◆ Round stickers, any color but no design
- ◆ Caution tape
- ◆ One birthday cake, prepared July 23
- ◆ Birthday candles
- ◆ Wet wipes
- ◆ Rope lights, any color
- ◆ Clear duct tape
- ◆ Battery operated lantern
- ◆ Large (approx. 24x32) thick white foam board

Volunteers Are Still Needed For VBS

Contact the church office if you can help or volunteer forms can be found online at tiptonumc.org

Painting Party for Youth and Leaders:

Painting Party Scheduled for July 6th

On July 6th, we will be painting the preschool room in preparation for a mural to be painted later in the summer. Join Pastor Jenny for a day of painting!

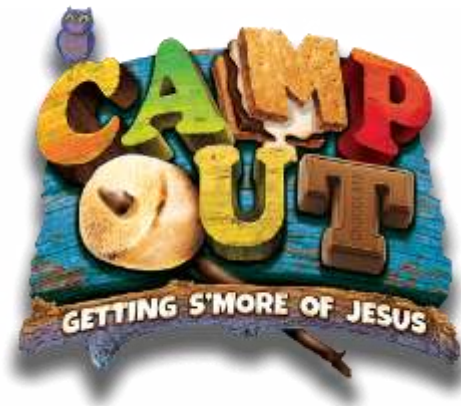
Date: July 6th

Time: 9:30 am–3:30 pm (tho come as you are able)

Where: First UMC

What to bring and wear: Paint clothes and a paint brush (if you have a favorite one)

Provided: Paint, brushes and rollers, donuts, drinks, and pizza!



- 1 – Bill & Teresa Esbeck
- 2 – Michelle Miles, Connie Semotan, Betty Turner
- 3 – Justin Boedeker, Kaylynn Eiler, Melva Mueller, Kevin Rogstad, Bob & Barb Rickard
- 4 – Ruth Clark, Logan Lanning
- 5 – Bruce Flory
- 6 – Lorna Muller
- 7 – Lee Curry
- 8 – Todd Huston, Kyler Wallick, Bruce & Kandi Graff
- 9 – Sylvia Ferguson, Blake Schilling
- 10 – Emily Cartwright, Barb Rickard, Chad Schilling, Dale Seylar, Anton Slach
- 11 – Bailey Anderson, Rachel Bierman, Elizabeth Bierman, Stacy Emrich, Todd & Bonnie Swick
- 12 – Richard Anderson, Wayne Behrens, Marvin Miller, Mackenzie Walter, Kayla Walter, Ron & Elizabeth Schroeder
- 13 – Allan Charette, Colton Marchik, Bailey Schmidt
- 14 – Finn Lindsey, Mindy Williams, Shellby Wiskus, Jason & Carly Paustian
- 15 – J. Gesling, Larry & Berrie Glick, Lonnie & Robyn Nebergall
- 16 – Jeff McKinney, Mike Schmidt
- 17 – Kenley Fitch, Kyra Shaull
- 18 – Ben Emrich, Kelley Lieser, Sherry Willey, Calvin & Kris Kuehl
- 20 – Laura Webb
- 21 – Jim Brennan, Zoe Comstock, Les & Leanne Boots, Marvin & Frances Ford, Brad & Kelly Wendel
- 22 – Cassondra Hembry
- 23 – Reece Hall, Ken Muller, Karen Royer
- 24 – Ashley Beers, James Morris
- 25 – Bob Young
- 26 – Meredith Coppess, Glenn Fear, Olivia Hembry, Megan Leslie, Aaron & Nifer Comstock
- 27 – Bob Cummins, Ann Neville
- 28 – Chris Amosson, Jacob Boedeker, Greg Brown, Alesha Marchik,
- 29 – Steve Shontz
- 30 – Benjamin Charette, Cuba Flory, Murry & Renee Mente
- 31 – Madalynn Paul, Barbara Petersen, Kiley Schultz

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

Hospitalized/Procedures: Rex Idelwein, Sylvia Gould, Ron Stonebraker

Healing:

Nick Brown, Ruth Clark, Gary Eichhorn, Deb Eisele, Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Bob Gould, Rex Idlewine, Jen Johnson, Carsten Kime, Kris Kuehl, Ted Licht, Erma Lyle, Ken McKay, Lynn McIntosh, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's grand-daughter), Steve Person, Judy Reidel, Dawn Spicker-mann, Mike Smith, Jim Thiele (L.Salmonson's bro), Rhonda Waugh, Bob Whitlatch, Wayne Williams (Sylvia Ferguson's bro), and others.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Individuals & Families experiencing loss: Larry & Kathy Houstman & Family

Couples/Families searching for the way forward: Ken & Sylvia Gould as Sylvia moves into Prairie Hills

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: Bernie Beaudry (Mary McKinney's dad), Clara Italiano, Kevin Lewis, Linda (Kay Miller's sis), Jerry Swinton

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-



Liturgists Twyla Hein – Coordinator

- 2 – Ruel Wehde
- 9 – Karen Strefling
- 16 – Alice Ann Gallagher
- 23 – Donna Gault

Power Point Becky Young – Coordinator

- 2 – Renee Mente
- 9 – Ethan Seylar
- 16 – Melinda Stonebraker
- 23 – Comstock Family

Fellowship Coffee Barb Rickard – Coordinator

- 2 – Webb Family, Jenny Boldt & Family
- 9 – Bev Ehrman, Tom & Mary Ehrman
- 16 – Jerry & Betty Elijah, Bob & Becky Young
- 23 – Heil Family, Margaret Ketelsen
- 30 – Ecumenical Service and Potluck at the Park

Greeters Becky Young – Coordinator

- 2 – VanScoy Family
- 9 – Gail Fleming & Candi Dusenberry
- 16 – Marjorie Stonerock & Sherry Willey
- 23 – J and Roberta Gesling
- 30 – Jeff McKinney Family

Nursery Office – Coordinator

- 2 – Kim Rogstad
- 9 – Kris Clark
- 16 – Volunteer Needed
- 23 – Volunteer Needed

Children's Lesson Office – Coordinator

- 2 – Kris Clark
- 9 – Pastor Jenny
- 16 – Dusty Johnson
- 23 – Melinda Stonebraker
- 30 – Pastor Jenny

Ushers Kay Miller – Coordinator

- 2 – Ron & Lois Salmonson
- 9 – Jerry & Marcia Murphy, Brad & Stacy Chapman
- 16 – Twyla Hein & Kim Cross, Marv & Kay Miller
- 23 – Bob & Ginny Cummins, Chris & Abby VanScoy
- 30 – Steve & Cheryl Person, Larry & Kathy Houstman

Communion Stewards Donna Gault – Coordinator

- 2 – JoAnn Beers

June

Worship; 6/4–96, 6/11–92, 6/18–71

Average attendance so far for June: 86

General Fund	8,897.00
Worship Sound System	550.00
Apportionments	125.00
College Connections	20.00
Leaving A Legacy	30.00
Xn Chaos	79.00
Shared Blessings	11.00
Missions	100.00
Copper Kettle	153.69
Christmas Offering	20.00
Thanksgiving Offering	20.00
Easter Pool	40.00
Grand Total	10,045.69

May

Worship: 5/7–61, 5/14–125, 5/21–132, 5/28–69

Average attendance for May: 97

General Fund	15,908.00
Upper Room	8.25
Worship Sound System	2,599.76
Apportionments	145.00
Leaving A Legacy	15.00
GIG Books	64.00
Youth Bibles & Books	1,811.10
Vacation Bible School (VBS)	30.00
Shared Blessings	20.00
LF Preschool Teacher Salary	886.32
L.F. Preschool Director Salary	299.03
Chancel Choir Music	113.32
Missions	90.00
Camp fund- kids	20.00
Copper Kettle	441.39
Easter Pool	30.00
* Mission - Rummage Sale	1,533.40
UMCOR	90.00
Grand Total	24,104.57

- financial giving recorded through June 22

Today listen to that quiet voice,
and hear the simple words Jesus
speaks:

Trust Me.

July Calendar



Sunday, July 2

8:00 am Prayer
9:30 am Worship

Monday, July 3

6:45 pm Missions Meeting

Wednesday, July 5

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth
Group

Thursday, July 6

9:30 am Communion @
Cedar Manor
9:30 am-3:30 pm Youth Paint-
ing Party
10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal
6:30 pm Care and Welcoming
meeting

Saturday, July 8

11:00 am-1:00 pm Shared
Blessings Meal

Sunday, July 9

6:00-8:00 pm Dominoes

Tuesday, July 11

1:00 pm GIG

Wednesday, July 12

1:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, July 13

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Monday, July 17

3:00 pm Circle of Friends
(Grief Group)
7:30 pm PEO

Tuesday, July 18

1:00 pm GIG

Wednesday, July 19

12:00 am Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, July 20

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm-7:30 pm Trustees
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, July 22

11:00 am-1:00 pm Shared
Blessings Meal

Sunday, July 23

5:00-5:45 pm VBS Supper
6:00-8:00 pm VBS

Monday, July 24

5:00-5:45 pm VBS Supper
6:00-8:00 pm VBS

Tuesday, July 25

12:00 am-11:59 pm VBS

1:00 pm GIG
2:00 pm Prairie Hills Program
5:00-5:45 pm VBS Supper
6:00-8:00 pm VBS

Wednesday, July 26

8:00 am Holy Folders
1:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, July 27

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, July 29

11:00 am-12:00 pm Shared
Blessings

Sunday, July 30

5th Sunday - Worship
Outside
10:00 am at the Park
11:00 am Potluck at Park

July 8-15: Melinda on vacation

July 16-29: Pastor Jenny at
Garrett Evangelical Seminary



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July Events

July 5 — Youth Group
July 6 — Painting Party
July 8 — Shared Blessings
July 9 — Dominoes
July 17 — Circle of Friends
July 19 — Newsletter Articles Due

July 23-25 — Vacation Bible School
July 22 — Shared Blessings
July 26 — Meeting of the Holy Folders
July 29 — Shared Blessings
July 30 — Worship in the Park and
Potluck



Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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