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

United Methodist News

March 2018

**March 26
- April 1**



This Holy Week I invite you to spend some time in the Gospel of Luke and recall the events of Holy Week. Here is a reading list of seven scriptures divided into manageable chunks, one for each day.

Holy Monday: Luke 22:7-30

Holy Tuesday: Luke 22:31-46

Holy Wednesday: Luke 22:47-71

Maundy Thursday: Luke 23:1-25

Good Friday: Luke 23:26-43

Holy Saturday: Luke 23:44-56

Easter Sunday: Luke 24:1-12

Watch Night Vigil March 24

John Wesley had early Methodist societies hold special *Watch Night* as one way to continually be watching over their spiritual growth and commitment. It was often held once per month on the full moon – so that people could have enough light to walk home.

This year, instead of hosting the all-day prayer vigil on Holy Saturday, we will have a Watch Night Prayer Service and Vigil on Saturday, March 24, at 7 pm. Everyone is invited. The service will have time for individual prayer, as well as corporate prayer for our church, community, and world. Please mark your calendars to attend.

Good Friday Worship March 30, 7:00 pm

Good Friday is just before Easter, and it is the day in which the crucifixion of Jesus is remembered. The Good Friday service will feature a drama: “Reflections from Behind the Upper Room.” With candles, darkness, and a remembrance of the Last Supper in the Upper room, worshipers will experience the unfolding sorrow of Jesus’ last days. The worshipers will leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ’s death and await the coming Resurrection.

If you are interested in being a part of the drama or reading scripture at the Good Friday service, please contact Pastor Jenny.

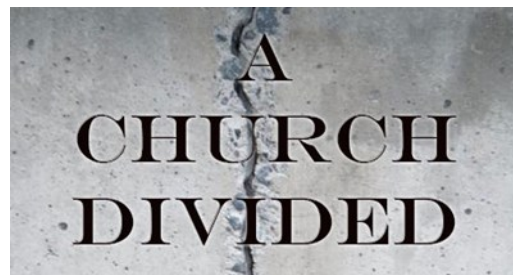


Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Between Sundays ~ Thoughts from Pastor Jenny

"A Church Divided"

At the 2016 General Conference of the United Methodist Church, there was once again conversation about revising the paragraphs in the UM Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality. It has been a controversial issue since 1972 when the wording changed, and divided the church at large. Since then, every four years, when the global UM church gathers to worship and attend to polity in the church, there have been conflicting viewpoints around the topic of human sexuality.



Because no decision was made at the 2016 General Conference, the Commission on the Way Forward was formed. The Mission of the Commission is to "Bring together persons deeply committed to the future(s) of the UMC, with an openness to developing new relationships with each other and exploring potential future(s) of our denomination..." To read more go to <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward> They have been meeting for a year now, and will be presenting their final proposals in July 2018.

The future of the United Methodist Church is hanging in the balance. What will it mean for us as United Methodists? What does it mean for the church in Tipton? In the next couple of months, there will be opportunities to engage in Christian conversation about policies around human sexuality and the impact on the church. Check out an update article from the Commission at <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/church-leaders-hear-way-forward-update>

Sunday, March 11 at 11:15 am: At the church in the Wesley Room: Christian Conversation about the work of the Commission on the Way Forward with Pastor Jenny. All are welcome.

Sunday, March 25 at 11:15 am: At the church in the Wesley Room: continued Christian Conversation about the work of the Commission on the Way Forward with Pastor Jenny. All are welcome.

April 7, 2:00 pm: Iowa Bishop Laurie Haller will share the scenarios that are in the works, presenting the thoughts from the Council of Bishops will be gathering at Iowa City St. Mark's UMC, 2675 E Washington St, Iowa City, IA 52245. All are welcome.

Worship Through Easter Sunday

We will spend the season of Lent looking at the Revival in England that lead to the Methodist movement. More important though, we are seeking revival of First United Methodist Church and the hearts of the believers in Tipton. Join me in worship and join a study group, as well!

– Blessings, Pastor Jenny



March 4	Where is the Faith?	Romans 4:3-5, 5:1-2a
March 11	The Means of Grace	2 Corinthians 12: 8-10
March 18	Faith Vs. Works	James 2: 14-23
March 25	Palm Sunday: Praised and Persecuted	Matthew 5: 10-12, Mark 14: 1-2
March 30	Good Friday Drama: "Reflections from Behind the Upper Room"	
April 1	Easter : Proclaim the Risen Christ	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
	Ecumenical Sunrise Service at the Park (see page 4 for more information) at 6:30 am	

Missions

We served 89 people at the Valentine's/Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper. Thank you to all who donated toward the supplies for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, fruit salad, and OJ. After other bills were paid, the missions committee ended up with \$382 for future mission projects. Thanks to all who helped with this!

Copper Kettle

Every year, I'm truly amazed at how "pocket change" from our weekly copper kettle (noisy) offering adds up. This year, the missions committee collected \$3,766.89 for missions' projects. Thank you for all of your pennies!!! The gifts are put to good use both locally and around the world.

Missions Report for 2017

There is much to celebrate about the mission giving at First UMC. There are many generous people! Thanks to all who support Missions work!

2017 Apportionments paid – \$30,349, plus \$1,416 for East Central District "asking" – fully PAID!!!

3rd Mile Giving Rainbow Covenant Church – 11 years in a row!

Total giving for 2017 – \$46,009.86 includes apportionments & district askings.

Mission Projects in 2017

Shared Blessings – 28 Saturdays, 1,187 total meals; 44 average meals served per time.

Benevolence fund - \$384.88 in Co-Op gas, \$100 in rent assistance, \$100 in utilities assistance, \$185.64 auto repairs assistance... Totaling: \$770.52

Angel Tree – 25 Gift cards donated at Christmas-time; handed out through the year per Pastor Jenny's discretion

Angel Tree Gifts – 2 families with 4 kids received a total of 44 gifts (\$440) plus \$200 in gift cards - \$640

Work Trip – Louisiana in March of 2017

Missionary – Mark Stransky at Project CrossRoads in Virginia

Fundraisers – Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner (\$439); Rummage and Recycle Sale (\$1,265.90); Easter Breakfast (\$263); Mission Market (\$81.21), Soup Lunch (\$206), Fall Bazaar (\$1,790).

Community Work Day – 10 volunteers raked 5 lawns

Thanksgiving Ingathering – 136 health, school and cleaning kits totaling \$2,291; \$531 to Church World Service for Blankets; \$318 cash (shipping & supplies)

Special Offerings: Easter Pool Offering (\$2,075); Thanksgiving offering (\$540) and Christmas offering (\$292)

Donation to Oasis Coffee & Gathering Place – \$428.25

Save the Date

There will be a Work Trip this summer (July 23-27, 2018). Destination is yet to be announced.

Souper Bazaar Sunday October 28, 2018. Soup lunch followed by bazaar items to be auctioned off.



Saturday, March 10
Saturday, March 24
11:00 am till noon

Thank you to all who helped with Backpack Buddies in January!! Less one icy Thursday, we had more than enough volunteers to fill the bags each week. Thanks so much for your willingness to take time out of your day to do that!! We don't always need to go far away in order to help someone. 😊



HACAP Mobile Food Truck
Friday, March 2, 2018
3:30 - 4:30 pm
Tipton United Methodist Church

Questions?
Call the HACAP Food Reservoir
(319) 393-7811 or
Church office (563) 886-2331

Income Eligibility
Guidelines Apply
www.hacap.org



Abigail Circle's Potato Supper Thursday, March 15 5:30-7:00 pm

The annual Abigail Circle's Potato Buffet will be held Thursday, March 15. There will be potatoes with all the toppings, homemade salads, and desserts.

A Free will offering will be collected to support mission projects.

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.



2nd Annual IF: Tipton

All women are invited to join us in the dining room Saturday March 3 from 9-5 for a day of being equipped, encouraged, and sent out into our families and communities! This non denominational women's conference was a moving event last year, and we want to invite all women to experience it again! We are excited to see the ways that God will continue to move through IF:Tipton. Bring a bible, bring a friend, and just come!

Registration is REQUIRED due to limited space. Last year we filled up quickly; to register please visit <https://register.ifgathering.com/event/iftipton>. Any questions or if you would like to help with food for the event, please contact Kiley Schultz (c3k2schultz@gmail.com) or Bobbie Lieser (blieser@gmail.com).

Second Annual IF: Teen

UMC Youth will be offered again our version of IF:Teen on Good Friday, March 30, 3:00 to 6:30 pm in the basement of UMC. Young women grades 9th to college are invited to listen to IF:Gathering speakers selected for you, dinner and dessert, necklace making, pottery bowl making, and a mission project. We have packed a lot of activity into the evening and are excited to spend it with young women learning to be disciples!

Our mission for this year will be the Ronald McDonald House as we spend some time working on tie blankets to give the children and their families as they check into the house. On April 14th we will visit the house to drop the blankets off and prepare a meal for the families staying at the house. Well do our small part to make a huge impact on their days. There will be no charge for this event, but we do ask you bring some change for our mission if you are able.

Hope you can make it to the event, and be sure to bring a friend! Registration is required. For more info, contact Kiley Schultz (c3k2schultz@gmail.com) or Bobbie Lieser (blieser@gmail.com).

Easter Sunrise Worship

At 6:30 am on Easter morning, April 1, our congregation will join with other congregations from the area at the upper shelter in Tipton City Park. Music will be led by Calvary Four Square, short sermon by Pastor Tommi from Tipton UCC, and we are providing coffee and cinnamon rolls. To volunteer to prepare or serve either, please contact the church office. Don't worry – we



will be done in plenty of time to be back to our dining room for Sunrise Surprise from the Missions team! They will be serving from 7:30-8:30 am.



First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund

ENDOWMENT FUND

Once per year the Leadership Council considers proposals for the use of income from the 1st UMC Endowment Fund. Please submit any proposals to the church office before May 1! There are three designated categories from which funds may be requested: Missions/People projects: local, district, conference, national, international; Maintenance/Trustees: major repairs, major improvements, special objects or furnishings; Ministry/Program Development: education, communication, evangelism, worship... Guidelines state that income from Endowments may never go toward on-going, budgeted expenses of the church. Furthermore, the founding document states: The existence of this Endowment Fund must in no way reduce the responsible current support and involvement of the church members. Proposals may come from groups, committees or individuals, though it's preferred they come from a group or committee. **A reminder: YOU are invited to add your financial gifts to the First UMC Endowment Fund!!** Talk to your financial planner or contact Brian Boedeker or Bob Young, members of the Endowment Committee for more information of giving.

Grief Group Alumni Lunch will be held at T-Becks in Tipton on March 19 at noon. Please RSVP to office@tiptonumc.org or by calling the church office at 886-2331. For additional information contact Sherry Willey at 641-660-4467



Dear First United Methodist Church, I am writing to you because I sincerely appreciate all of the gifts you send to me while I'm in college. It makes me very happy knowing that I have someone thinking of me! McKenna O'Leary

Rummage Sale: May 5

It's time again to start going through your cabinets and cleaning out those unused items, and we know a great place to get rid of those things! The annual church rummage sale is coming in May! This year's rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 5 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Saturday will feature the \$2 bag sale from noon to 2:00 pm. We couldn't pull this off without the help of others. Watch for more details later in April. If you have some time to come help set-up or even help the day of the sale, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have gently used items you would like to donate, please consider donating them to the sale. **We will not be accepting clothing this year.** You may start bringing your items on April 23. Please have items to the church no later than Thursday, May 3. Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletin and flyers posted in the breezeway. Contact the church office if you are interested in helping the youth with the sale the week of May 1.



Sunday Schedule

8:15-8:45 am Choir Kids Practice
8:45 am to 9:45 am
Adult GIGs, Adult Classes, Youth
Sunday School and Children's
Sunday School
9:45-10:00 am
Fellowship in the Gathering Place
10:00-11:00 am Worship
11:00-11:30 am
Fellowship in the Gathering Place
11:15 am-12:15 pm
Adult Classes and GIGs



There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. -John 19:18

GIG Times and Locations

Sundays 8:45 am – 5 different groups
Tuesdays 1:00 pm – Room 113
Wednesdays 6:30 pm – Berean Room
Thursdays 10:00 am – Room 113
Bible Study 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm – Wesley Room

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 on the website, too.

Schedule for Monthly Youth Meetings:

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

Mar 7: What voice do you use?

Mar 21: Holy Week

Children's Sunday School content this month

March 4 The Lost Sheep and
Lost Coin
Luke 15:1-10

March 11 Mary and Martha
Luke 10:38-42

March 18 **No Sunday School**

March 25 Holy Week
Luke 19:28-40
Luke 22:14-23:56



The Youth Group considered the topic “Who Do You Listen to?” at a recent meeting. Youth were guided through a raw egg mine field by the voice of a trusted advisor.

Save The Date — April 29- 5th Sunday Children’s Lead Worship-
John Wesley and the Circuit Riders; LFP Children Sing in Worship

Youth Group March

March 7: Theme: What Voice do you use? How do you see others? How does God see others? Activity: Random Shoe Relay, Dinner: Chili, fruit, dessert

March 21: Theme: Holy Week Activity: Write a Holy Week Hymn
Dinner: Tacos, dessert

Help needed: We need a few more volunteers for meal prep, serving, and cleanup. Signup online at <https://tinyurl.com/yvsw7dj8> or contact the church office.

Donations appreciated: We need powdered lemonade. Please drop it off in the church office.

Youth Leadership Retreat: A group of students and adults will be going to a conference in Des Moines Friday evening and Saturday, March 9 and 10. If you want to go, please let Melinda, Pastor Jenny, or Nathen Anderson know. Because early registration has now passed, please pay \$15 to attend. The remainder of the cost of event will be covered by Youth Group funds. See ignite-youth.org for more information about the conference.

High School Students (and parents)

Our faith journeys shouldn’t end after being confirmed. We have a Sunday morning class just for high school students that starts at 8:45am and we would love to see all those friendly faces that were just confirmed in December. We would also love to see all of our other high school students as well. More voices make for better conversation.

You’re welcome to bring snacks or breakfast with you. Grab a cup of coffee or some water from the Gathering Place before class if you’d like. You’ll find the conversation topics interesting and the teachers fun and friendly. Please give it a try!



Little Friends Preschool: Providing Quality Education

Did you know.....

-Little Friends Preschool is the only Christian preschool in the area? We are part of the ministries of the Tipton First United Methodist Church.

-Our philosophy is to prepare the children in our program to be lifelong learners by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional well-being and serving the diverse needs of their families?

-We utilize the ABC Jesus Loves Me Curriculum; a comprehensive, research-based preschool curriculum focusing on Academics, Development and the Bible?

-Little Friends Preschool is open to anyone, not just members of the church? Any child that will be 3 years old before September 4 is eligible to enroll.

-We are now enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year? Please call 563-886-2331 or stop by the office to pick up a registration packet. Registration paperwork and deposit is due by **May 1st**.

-We have the least expensive preschool tuition in the area; \$100 a month for 2 days a week and \$130 a month for 3 days a week? Scholarships are also available based on income.

-We would love to have your child be a part of our next preschool class?

To help support this ministry, the March 25th Copper Kettle offering will go to LFP. Thanks in advance for all of your support in our ministries.



A huge THANK YOU to Cedar Ridge Dental for their generous donation of toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, pencils and stickers for our preschoolers that are learning about teeth during Dental Health Month!



Our Little Friends preschoolers have been participating in the Souper Bowl Sunday mission. During the month of February, they have been bringing canned food items for donation to the food pantry. They've learned that you're never too young or too small to be one of God's Disciples!



GIGs (Growth and Impact Groups)

Sundays 8:45a

- Special K - Women - Berean Room
- Ryan S - Mixed Gender - Gathering Place
- Kiley S - Mothers - LL10

Tuesdays 1:00p

- Barb R - Women - Rm 113

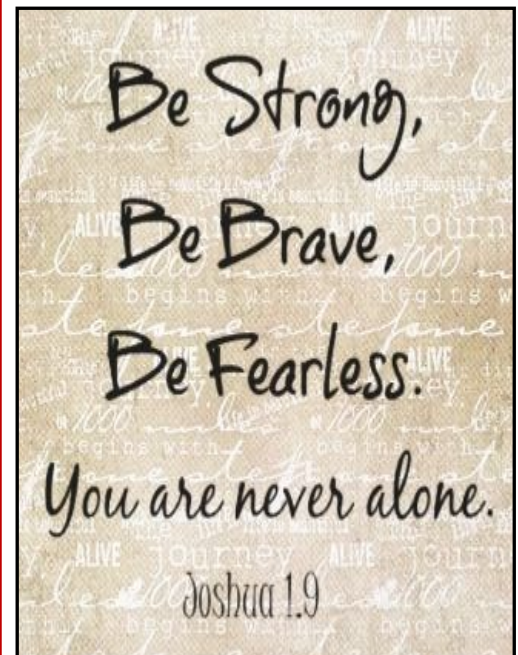
Wednesdays 6:30p

- Kim R - Mixed Gender - Rm 113

Thursdays 10:00a

- Sherry W - Women - Rm 113

If you would like to join a GIG, you're welcome to attend. If these options don't work for you, training is provided for new leaders, if you would like to start your own GIG. Contact Melinda Stonebraker for more information.



An Update On Thinking/Christine Paye

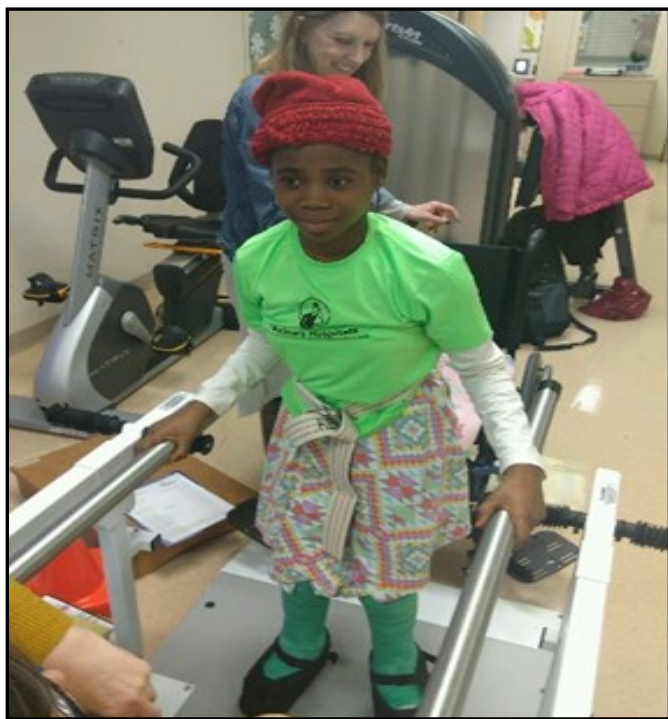
Dear friends,

Here are four update pictures on Christine “Thinking” Paye. To refresh your memories, last year I asked for your support to bring Thinking, a young Liberian women, to the USA for medical care. After only one month in Cedar Rapids, Thinking adopted an American name she wants us all to use. Her chosen name is Christine.

- Mike Herring



This is a picture taken in Christine's village. At the time of the picture, November 2015, she had just turned 13, one month earlier.



February 1, 2018.

Christine's first steps. Her pink casts exchanged with green, extended her legs from 140 degrees extension to nearly 180 degrees. This extension allowed her to progress to her first steps, with the use of parallel bars.

Christine arrives in Chicago, October 2017, just four days after her 15th birthday.



- 1 – Jeff Ormsby, Kathy Vance, Roger & Karen Regennitter
- 2 – Eldon Beers, Franklin Bierman, Jack Shipley, Bonnie Swick, Merlyn & Helen Timm
- 3 – Phil Seydel, Hannah Smith
- 4 – Katie Shaull
- 5 – Ken Gould, 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 Urban & Kiaya Rickard-Urban
- 12 – Kathryn Rippentrop
- 13 – Alaina Butler, Ellen Fear, Lily Johnson, Todd Smith
- 14 – Sherry Schmidt, Gloria Willer
- 15 – Jesse Lieser
- 16 – Cortney Curry, David Waugh, Kevin & Dawn Spickermann
- 17 – Pastor Jenny, Hunter Smith
- 18 – Lynn Gallagher, Callie Seylar
- 19 – Garry O'Leary, Nicole Paul, Marc Weaver, Rick & Judy Rouse
- 20 – Jason Brow, Erik Eisele, Josh & Alisha Hubler
- 21 – Roberta Gesling
- 22 – Craig & Kimberly Regennitter
- 23 – Adam Fitch
- 25 – Dave Fetterman, Karen Zobel
- 26 – Chase Timmerman
- 27 – Carmen Hoffman
- 28 – Amelia Cundiff
- 30 – Blake Beck, Keegan Mente
- 31 – Alvin & Mary Wright

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

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Nick Brown, Ron Burroughs, Jan Esbeck, Jerry Ferguson, Gail Fleming, Bob Gould, Rex Idlewine, Carsten Kime, Erma Lyle, Deborah Lowry, Lynn McIntosh, Ken McKay, Myrna (Lorna Muller's sister), Randy Nau, Cheryl Person, Mike Smith, Pam Spear, Marjorie Stonerook, and others

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Sylvia & Ken Gould

Individuals & Families experiencing loss:

Lisa & Jim Allen, Al & Teri Baird, Phyllis Behrens family, Erma Lyle, Marv & Kay Miller, Eleanor Scheuermann and Family, Jerry & Sylvia Ferguson, Dee Wallace, Jon, Lana, & Reba Williams

In Treatment: Clara Italiano, Lee McNeil (Kim Rogstad's bro), Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Reba Williams

Hospice/Palliative Care: Joe Cheshaeck (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 & Alexa Ormsby, Chris Paul, Mike Ploeger (McKinney's nephew), Dave Russell

Begin each day
renewed,
refreshed
and glad to be alive.

—Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

New Audio Visual System Addition in the Dining Room

In support of the IF conference in March, we installed a new projector and screen in the dining room. Phase 1 includes inputs for a laptop via either a VGA connection or the newer HDMI type connection. Eventually Phase 2 will include a Windows PC, Blu-Ray DVD player, and Bluetooth streaming media device. Sanctuary audio is currently not available in the Kitchen or Dining room, but will be re-connected in the near future.

Instructions for use of the system, along with cables to connect devices to the system (network cable, HDMI cable, and 3.5mm (1/8 inch) stereo audio cable) and the projector remote control are located in the drawer below the new AV control panel. The new system is installed in the end cabinet of the dessert area of the dining room.

Future use of the new system could include Youth Group movie nights, GIGs, Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University meetings, or any a group wishing to do video, or computer presentations. You can also play music over the system from a phone or MP3 player connected to the Audio input. Thank you Brian Heil for all of your AV work!

March Sunday Servants

Liturgists Office - Coordinator

4 – Melissa Roth
11 – Ruel Wehde
18 – Pat Fankhauser
25 – Jen Johnson

Power Point (run) Becky Young – Coordinator

4 – Carmen Hoffman
11 – TBD
18 – TBD
25 – Zoe Stonebraker

Fellowship Coffee Barb Rickard – Coordinator

4 – Betty & Emma Russell
11 – Volunteers Needed
18 – Volunteers Needed
25 – Dusty & Jen Johnson, Walters Family, Donna Gault

Greeters Becky Young – Coordinator

4 – Allan Charette & Deb Conant
11 – Stephen & Cheryl Person
18 – Ted Licht family
25 – Larry & Kathy Houstman

Nursery Office – Coordinator

4 – Kim Rogstad
11 – Kathy Houstman
18 – Volunteer Needed
25 – Kris Clark

From A Child's Point of View Office – Coordinator

4 – Dusty Johnson
11 – Pastor Jenny
18 – TBD
25 – Betty Russell

Ushers – Coordinator Needed

4 – **Volunteers**
11 – **Needed!**
18 –
25 –

Communion Stewards Donna Gault – Coordinator

4 – Larry & Kathy Houstman

Acolytes Kim Walter – Coordinator

4 – Gavin Roth & Anton Slach
11 – Owen & Emmett Steinman
18 – Kaitlyn Rogstad & Volunteer
25 – Caden & Keaton Schultz

Presence & Gifts

January

Worship average attendance: 92

General Fund	\$10,254.74
Apportionments	\$130.00
Leaving a Legacy	\$15.00
Missions	\$90.00
Missions Auction	\$70.00
Copper Kettle	\$175.21
Marriage on Tap	\$40.00
Upper Room	\$206.41
Shared Blessings	\$20.00
Kitchen Fund	\$300.00
LFP Teacher Salary	\$1,227.22
Trustee Fund	\$40.00
Grand Total	\$12,568.58

February (Through February 27)

Worship average attendance: 95

General Fund	\$11,190.00
Apportionments	\$125.00
Leaving a Legacy	\$15.00
UMCOR	\$20.00
Missions	\$90.00
Missions Pancake Supper	\$407.00
Copper Kettle	\$165.41
Marriage on Tap	\$440.00
Youth Event	\$312.00
Upper Room	\$5.26
Shared Blessings	\$425.00
Sunday School Snacks	\$30.00
Youth Bibles & Books	\$200.00
GIG Books	\$135.00
Ash Wednesday	\$148.06
Trustee Fund	\$40.00
LFP Teacher Salary	\$1,227.22
Grand Total	\$15,064.95

**So do not fear,
for I am with you;
do not be dismayed,
for I am your God.**

**I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my**

March Calendar

Every Sunday

8:00 am Prayer
8:15 -8:45 am Choir
Kids Practice
8:45 am to 9:45 am
Adult GIGs, Adult
Classes, Youth
Sunday School
and Children's
Sunday School
9:45-10:00 am
Fellowship in the
Gathering Place
10:00-11:00 am-
Worship
11:00-11:30 am
Fellowship in the
Gathering Place
11:15 am-12:15 pm
Adult Classes and
GIGs

Thursday, March 1

10:00 am GIG

Friday, March 2

3:30 pm-4:30 pm Mobile Food
Pantry

Saturday, March 3

9:00 am-5:00 pm IF:Tipton

Monday, March 5

6:45 pm Missions Meeting

Tuesday, March 6

1:00 pm GIG

Wednesday, March 7

5:30 pm-8:15 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 8

9:30 am Communion @
Cedar Manor
10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal
6:30 pm SPPRC Meeting

Saturday, March 10

11:00 am-12:00 pm Shared
Blessings

Sunday, March 11

3:00 pm Cedar Manor
Worship
11:15 am Way Froward Discus-
sion
6:00-8:00 pm Dominoes

Tuesday, March 13

1:00 pm GIG

Wednesday, March 14

1:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 15

10:00 am GIG
5:30 pm Potato Supper
6:30 pm Trustees

Monday, March 19

12:00 pm Grief Group Alumni
Lunch
4:00 pm LFP Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 20

1:00 pm GIG
6:45 pm Leadership Council

Wednesday, March 21

Newsletter Deadline
5:30 pm-8:15 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 22

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, March 24

11:00 am-12:00 pm Shared
Blessings
1:00 pm-5:00 pm Wedding
Shower
7:00 pm Watch Night Vigil

Sunday, March 25

7:00 pm Watch Vigil Night

Tuesday, March 27

1:00 pm GIG
2:00 pm Prairie Hills Worship
6:15 pm-7:30 pm Girls Scouts
Troop 1896

Wednesday, March 28

8:00 am Holy Folders
1:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 29

10:00 am GIG

Friday, March 30

3:00 pm-6:30 pm Teen: IF
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship

Saturday, March 31

11:00 am-12:00 pm Shared
Blessings



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March Events

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| Mar. 2 — HACAP Mobile Food Pantry | Mar. 21 — Youth Group |
| Mar. 3 — IF: Tipton | Newsletter Articles Due |
| Mar. 7 — Youth Group | Mar. 24 — Shared Blessings |
| Mar. 10 — Shared Blessings | Watch Night Vigil |
| Mar. 11 — Dominoes | Mar. 28 — Meeting of the Holy Folders |
| Mar. 15 — Abigail Circle's Baked Potato
Supper | Mar. 30 — Good Friday Worship
IF: Teens |
| Mar. 18 — No Children's Sunday School or
Confirmation | Mar. 31 — Shared Blessings |
| Mar. 19 — Little Friends Board Meeting
Circle of Friends Alumni Lunch | April 1 — Easter Sunday |

Faith

is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.

—Helen Keller

Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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