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United Methodist News

July 2020

Congratulations Tipton High School Class of 2020

Frank Bierman
Kamryn Chapman
Andrew Comstock
Elliot Cummins
Sommer Daniel
Tiger Emrich
Landon Hill
Jesse Lieser
Bailey Schmidt
Sara Webb



WORSHIP SERVICE RESUMES!

Sunday, July 5, 10:00 am
See page 3 for reentry guidelines.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

A Message from Pastor Jay

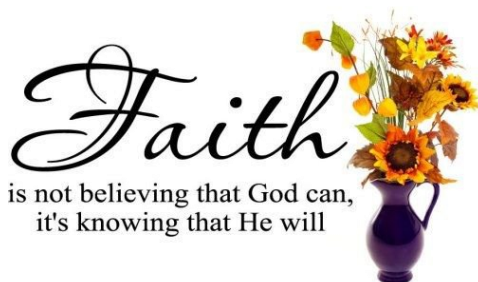


Dear Friends,
Well, we got moved in and we are beginning to find the house under all the stuff. The movers were actually able to load us up and move us in all the same day. It was a long day, but they did it.

Now we start the process of getting to know our respective communities. Last Tuesday I met with Pastor Steve and he showed me around and let me know all those things that are special about you and the community that surrounds you. The day after I met with SPRC and the day after that I had a doctor appointment and an eye doctor appointment – oh what fun.

Soon, the first may have happened already by the time you read this, I hope to have my first meet and greet. Whenever it, and other meet and greets happens, please make an effort to be there and introduce yourself to me – I want to know you. And now a confession – I have a really hard time remembering names – I always have and probably always will. So I would appreciate it if you will be patient with me and help me out in any way possible, and please don't be insulted if I ask multiple times what your name is.

I am so looking forward to being with you. I look forward to worshipping, and laughing, and crying, and just being with you. I know that God has great plans for us in the midst of these times we are living in. May God bless us as we strive to serve the community that surrounds us and indeed the world. May it be so. Amen.



Comforting Bible Verses

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

The words “light” and “salvation” bring an immediate smile to our faces, as we picture the Savior shining the light of His love over our lives.

Even though hardships await us, there is no reason to fear. We have a safe and secure place in Jesus Christ

Prayer

Lord, thank You for lighting the way in this dark time. We depend on You, not only for our salvation, but for our day-to-day peace and provision. You are the only stronghold we need. We look to You instead of the world for guidance today. In Jesus' name, amen.

Psalm 46:1-2

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

Think about the words of that passage for a moment. If the earth truly was to give way, and we witnessed the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, what a terrifying event that would be.

And yet...God remains our refuge in the midst of every terrifying thing. He is our ever-present help, which means He is always there.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, please remind us to turn to You during this pandemic. Help us to turn off the television and silence the news, and instead, call upon Your name. Through every storm, and every scare, please be our strength. Thank You for being a constant presence in our lives. Amen.



Worship Service Resumes

Worship Services

The Leadership Council, in consult with incoming pastor Jay Amundson, has decided to return to worship in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 10:00. There will be some new procedures to follow. See below. Watch for additional information on our FB page and your email.

Worship Guidelines

Basically, those that feel comfortable returning to in person worship may do so beginning July 5th (10:00am). We will require the following:

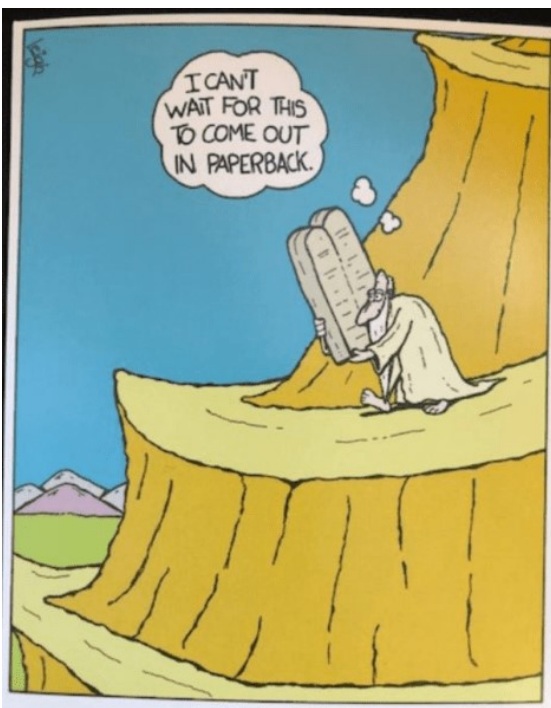
1. Temperatures will be taken for all who enter the church. If someone has a temperature of >100.4 , they will be asked to leave and contact their primary physician.
2. Physical distancing shall be adhered to, 6 feet of distance between worshipers.
3. Masks shall be worn by all who are attending worship.
4. Socializing is highly discouraged.
5. People will be seated by the ushers. The ushers will also dismiss the congregation by rows to maintain *the appropriate amount of social distancing*.

Those people who are not comfortable returning to worship are encouraged to continue to view worship on our live stream which can be found on our website at www.tiptonumc.org. The live stream will run at the same time as worship.

Here is a humorous video from Covington UMC in Tennessee that pretty much sums up the procedures we will follow when we return to in-person worshipping on July 5. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=keVARUiwShI>

July 1 our church will be assigned to the SE Iowa District. Our new District Superintendent is Doug Cue.

Check This Out



God found Gideon in a
hole, Joseph in a prison,
Daniel in a lion's den.

Next time you feel
unqualified to be
used by God, remember:
He tends to recruit
from the pit,
not the pedestal.

May Contributions \$11,813.90
 May Expenses \$18,968.97
 Apportionments paid \$8,866.50 out of
 \$35,466.00 owed.
 Annual Budget \$225,688.51 of which
 \$62,798.78 has been collected.

Trust in the Redeemer's strength . . .

exercise what faith you
 have, and by and by He
 shall rise upon you with
 healing beneath His wings.
 Go from faith to faith and
 you shall receive blessing
 upon blessing.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

Come Share in the
 Celebration for
**Elliot
 Cummins**

As he graduates from
 Tipton High School

Sunday, July 12
 4–9 pm

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Norma Snyder (Mary Vang's sister-in-law),
 Mary (Lois Salmonson's sister).

Healing: Jo Ann Beers, Les Boots, Nick
 Brown, Denise Cartwright, Glenn Eaton, Jerry
 Ferguson, Bob Gould, Sylvia Gould, Erma
 Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, half-brother, and neph-
 ew of Deb Lowry, Deb McKay, Chris McKin-
 ney, Jeff McKinney, Randy Nau, Mavis O'Mor-
 row, Betty Orr (Greg Brown's Aunt), Rhonda
 Waugh.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions: Alice Ann
 & Lisa Gallagher, Sylvia & Ken Gould, Ryan
 & Melinda Stonebraker & family, Pastor Steve
 & Kelley Pudinski, Pastor Jay & Pastor Terra
 Amundson.

Individuals & Families experiencing loss:
 Dusty, Noah and Lily Johnson.

In Treatment: Kandi Allison, Ron Burroughs,
 Clara Italiano, Karen (Gail Fleming's sister),
 Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter),
 Dorothy Theile (Lois Salmonson's sister),
 Chris Ward.

Hospice/Palliative Care: Bill Brown (Greg's
 father), Joe Cheshaeck (Gail Fleming's brother
 -in-law), Dennis O'Morrow.

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-
 in-law), Steve Eiler, Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn
 McKinney, Corey & Alexa Ormsby, Mike
 Ploeger & Daniel Larson (McKinney's
 nephews).



Missions

Mobile Pantry Distribution Changes

The Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled to be at First UMC Tipton on Friday, July 10, at 3:30 pm. We are still following the procedures listed below because of the COVID-19 virus.

It reads in part:

For the foreseeable future, we are making changes to our mobile pantry distribution to protect your health and the health of the clients.

- We will be distributing pre-boxed food rather than setting up tables for clients to “shop” from. HACAP will have pallets of boxes and bags ready to add the perishable items like produce, bakery and meat too. We will distribute directly from the truck, to reduce contact with clients. They will not be able to select what they want. This will strictly be a bag and go hand off.
- Clients will be asked to wait in their vehicles and just drive thru for pick up. If clients do not have cars, we are asking that you help to keep them from forming a line and spreading out as much as possible. Calling one person at a time up to receive their pre-boxed and bagged items.
- Check in should be done by one person, if they are new and need to sign a TEFAP form, please keep contact minimal. Gloves are available from HACAP to wear.

We know these changes are not how we would like to distribute food to our neighbors, but for now these measures allow us to keep getting them food while protecting everyone’s health.

For now, out of an abundance of caution, when you arrive for a volunteer shift you will be asked to sign a waiver that you have not traveled to a high-risk area and are not experiencing any signs of illness.



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

Saturday, July 11
Saturday, July 25
11:00 am till noon



HACAP Mobile Food Truck
Friday, July 10
3:30 – 4:30 pm
Tipton United Methodist
Church

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

Income Eligibility
Guidelines Apply
www.hacap.org

July Calender



Can't Make Worship? Visit the Website.

The worship service will be live-streamed on our website at tiptonumc.org.

If you want to give online, that is available on the website, too.

Giving 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, set-up an account, and submit your gift.

At the time of this writing, our activities and schedules are in such a state of flux that it is impossible to know for sure what non-worship events, if any, will be happening at the church in July. Given that, these dates and times are subject to change. Go to our website for current information or contact the office directly if you have any questions.

Sunday, July 5

10:00–11:15 am Worship

Friday, July 10

3:30–4:30 pm Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, July 11

11:00 am–12:00 pm Shared Blessings

Sunday, July 12

10:00–11:15 am Worship

Wednesday, July 15

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, July 19

10:00–11:15 am Worship

Saturday, July 25

11:00 am–12:00 pm Shared Blessings

Sunday, July 26

10:00–11:15 am Worship

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 am Holy Folders

*I will sing of the mercies
of the Lord for ever:
with my mouth will
I make known thy faithfulness
to all generations.*

— Psalm 89:1



Providing Quality Education

Space is still available for fall enrollment.
Contact the church office for more information
at 563.886.2331.

Thank You

Dear friends,

Our sincere thanks for the heart-warming thoughts and prayers in April when Gordon had a pacemaker implant. The surgery was a success and he has felt stronger ever since. Notably, he has not fainted/fallen nor had a blackout since then. Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

Gordon and Jan Esbeck

To the Tipton First United Methodist Church

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Tipton UMC and its wonderful people hold a special place in my heart. It was delightful to receive so many birthday cards from you and to read about your families. Jerry enjoyed the birthday cards, too, and he reminisced about the youth groups.

The last time we attended church there, I didn't know as many people in the congregation and that is a good sign as it means you have continued to invite others to your special congregation.

We hope to visit once we are "released". Not seeing family is the hardest part of the "shutdown" but we are well taken care of and thankful for all who look after us.

Lovingly,
Sherry Swinton

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

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JULY

July Events

July 10— HACAP Mobile Food
Pantry

July 11 — Shared Blessings

July 15 — Newsletter Deadline

July 25 — Shared Blessings

July 29 — Holy Folders

Have Faith

Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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