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United Methodist News

January 2018



Join us for Worship in 2018: The Cycle of Grace Series

Are you soul-weary? Do you struggle to make time for God in the midst of a packed schedule? Or do you sometimes stay so busy doing things for God that you can't relax and just "be"? We can learn the rhythm of living that Jesus demonstrates throughout the Gospels—the Cycle of Grace. *The Cycle of Grace* is a rhythm that allows for rest and renewal keeping us deeply rooted in God's love even as we work hard. *The Cycle of Grace* examines 4 components of a grace-filled life: **Acceptance, Sustenance, Significance, Fruitfulness**

(From <https://urelearning.upperroom.org/p/the-cycle-of-grace>)



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Pastor - **Jenny Seylar**

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Coordinator - **Melinda Stonebraker**

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Director and Teacher - **Megan Coppess**

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Choir Kids Accompanist - **Dee Wallace**

Xn Chaos Director - **Greg Brown**

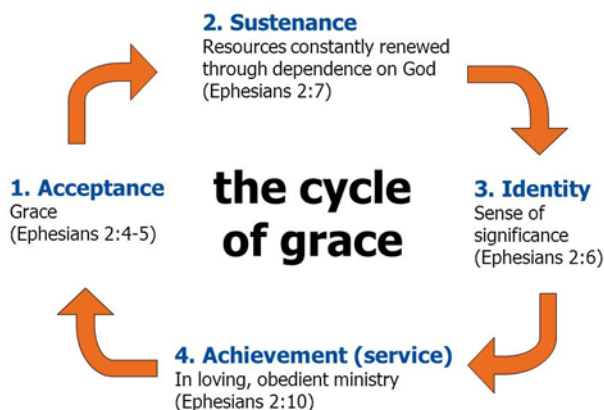
Bishop of the Iowa Annual
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Ministers of Jesus Christ

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



A new confirmation class will start with a parent meeting on January 14 at 8:45 in the Youth Room.



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Between Sundays ~ Thoughts from Pastor Jenny

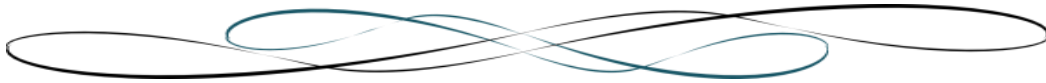
Happy New Year....Happy winter. That is a bit of an oxymoron because as I write this, the temperatures have plummeted below zero. Yet, we live in Iowa so this weather should not surprise us. It is the kind of weather that keeps us inside and gives us the opportunity to cuddle up on the couch with a blanket, a book, and a cup of tea. During the holiday time with family we can play board games and laugh together, sharing stories from our lives.

So, happy winter....yes....and no. For me, I am in the winter of my grief. The days of light are short, and with it, the sorrow that continues to pervade my days. Still, the days are beginning to lengthen, and that seems to get me out of my funk, reminding me that brighter days are ahead. That's the promise God makes to us....that we are people who live in the light of Jesus Christ. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In him was life, and that was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness."* - John 1: 1,4,5.

Into the New Year, I invite you to live life in the light of Jesus Christ. Worship frequently. Join a GIG (Growth and Impact Groups) or class to study scripture with others. Find a way to serve, both in the church and in the community. It is in serving that our own troubles lesson as we give of ourselves to others. Pray often, thanking God for the joys in your life, and lifting others up in prayer. Those are the things that have sustained me through the winter of my grief. Jesus is my light and life, my constant help in my sorrow and need.

I thank you all for your cards of care, Christmas goodies, and hugs at church. It is a joy to journey through the winter of my grief with you all. I hope to see you Sunday for worship as we "ring the old year out, and ring the new year in." (Irving Berlin)

-Blessings in Christ, Pastor Jenny



Worship In January

- January 7 The Gift of Seeing Jesus**
Epiphany Sunday
Matthew 2: 1-12 CEB
- January 14 The Cycle of Grace: Acceptance
Ephesians 2: 1-10 CEB
- January 21 The Cycle of Grace: Sustenance
2 Corinthians 12: 8-10 CEB
- January 28 The Cycle of Grace: Identity
Romans 3: 21-26 CEB
- February 4 The Cycle of Grace: Achievement
Ephesians 2: 1-10 CEB



Kings, shepherds, unruly sheep AND
one tiny baby sent to save us all!

That's what Christmas is all about!

Missions

Thank you!

On behalf of the Missions Team, we THANK YOU for the generous giving of your time and monetary donations to Missions projects throughout the year. We couldn't do all that we do year after year without your support and priorities you place on being a "missional" church.

Projects have included a week-long mission trip to Louisiana. Make A Difference Community Work Day, Fat Tuesday pancakes, Easter breakfast, Rummage and Recycle Sale, Shared Blessings Community Meals, Food Pantry, Angel Tree, Thanksgiving Ingathering, World Communion Soup Lunch and Mission Produce Market.

Any funds raised from these projects and our special offerings (i.e. copper kettle, Easter Pool, Thanksgiving, Christmas) go to support a wide variety of Mission projects. A complete report of your 2017 mission giving will be available in January and published in the February newsletter.

Shared Blessings Meals

THANK YOU to all who helped with Shared Blessings in 2017. We appreciate your help and hope you experienced the blessing of serving others in our community. It's our prayer that "community" happens both in the dining area **and** the kitchen!

January will begin the 9th year! The meals will continue to be served from 11:00 a.m. to Noon on the second, fourth, and fifth Saturdays each month.

We have several community groups who help regularly with Shared Blessings meals. When community groups serve the meals, we need one person from our church to serve as a "coordinator" or "host" for the meal. The "coordinator" or "host" helps groups navigate the kitchen, answers questions and gives guidance for meal preparation and clean-up. If that task sounds overwhelming, ask a friend to do it with you. (Those who are experienced will also be happy to provide training.)

The sign-up sheets for 2018 are located in the Gathering Place. Please consider volunteering – it's a great way to meet new friends or invite a group of friends, committee/SS class/Circle/GIG or another small group sign up for a meal or two.

Many volunteer opportunities are available. If you are interested in helping cook or with meal preparation, we do some food prep ahead of time and the rest during the early (9:00-11:00) shift. If you are interested in serving, clean-up, and interacting with those who come to Shared Blessings, sign up for the late (11:00-1:00) shift. We also need people to deliver meals to "homebound" folks, and provide "hospitality or friendship" by simply eating and talking with our guests. Sign up now in the Gathering Place or contact Heather Streffling, Renee Mente (886-3239; keegankoltonkenzie@msn.com) or the church office.

If you haven't been a part of our church's "Shared Blessings" ministry, the Missions Team invites you to be a part of the experience in 2018. Whether you volunteer or join us for a meal, you'll discover the blessings of reaching out and sharing a meal with friends, neighbors and strangers in our community.



Saturday, January 13
Saturday, January 27
11:00 am till noon

Backpack Buddies

In January, our church will be responsible for packing the backpacks for the Backpack Buddies program at Trinity Lutheran Church. All the supplies will be furnished – we just need 3-4 people to fill the backpacks on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. Sign up through the registration insert in the Sunday bulletin or the sign-up sheet posted in the Gathering Place.



HACAP Mobile Food Truck
Friday, January 5, 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



Tipton UMC – My heart is so full of gratitude from so many people who have sent cards, prayed, and great messages, and just always showing great concern for Taylor. These past 19 months have been a really bad roller coaster ride for all of her family do to her blood disorder (ITP). Also, thank you for throwing in a couple of prayers for Brady during that time of his unfortunate accidents, he has healed nicely.

Psalm 100:5 – For the Lord is good and His love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Thank you,
Sherry Willey

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>

Sunday Snacks Needed

We are continuing to serve a few snacks between Sunday school and worship because we all feel better and are able to behave better when we aren't hungry, especially our youngest worshippers. Many of our youngest arrive by 8:15 each Sunday morning. If you are willing to donate to this ministry, please bring packaged snacks; either packaged from the store or individually packaged at home. We are also accepting donations toward the purchase of snacks; mark you check with "Sunday School Snacks". Thank you for supporting this ministry!



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, but 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 or Bobbie Lieser.

Could Use A Little Help . . .

Consider volunteering in 2018 to assist with worship on Sundays.

We have slots open for liturgists, ushers, greeters, nursery attendants, fellowship hosts, and PowerPoint projector operators. **Training can be provided for all positions! Contact the church office so that we can work with you and place you in the best date and position.**

Please contact the church office at 563-886-2661 or office@tiptonumc.org to be added to the list.

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 as soon as possible. Cost will be covered by Youth Group funds. See ignite-youth.org for more information about the conference.

"You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

—Matthew 5:14-16

Intergenerational Learning and Worship is January 7

YOU are invited. Invite a friend to come with you! Each 5th Sunday of the Month is a special church celebration. Why is 5th Sunday different? Our church leadership values intergenerational relationships and whole church learning as well as opportunities for variety in worship experiences. We have combined these two ideals into one big celebration with intentionally intergenerational worship, learning, and fellowship each quarter on the 5th Sunday of the month. 5th Sunday includes all of us together in Sunday School for learning and service, something creative and different during worship, and potluck lunch together. We get an extra Sunday each quarter – so let's make it count.

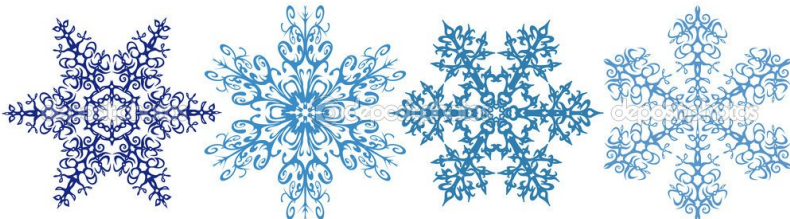
Because 5th Sunday fell during Christmas Break, so we have moved our 5th Sunday celebration to the first Sunday in January. It will be a great way to start off 2018! Mark your calendars to attend and invite someone to come with you. The theme for this 5th Sunday January 7 will be Epiphany (it will be Epiphany Sunday after all!). What does epiphany mean? It means seeing God. We will celebrate the ways we “see God”.

During the Sunday School hour, families, singles, youth, children, adults – everyone – will hear together about two epiphanies from scripture in the stories of Anna and Simeon seeing baby Jesus in Luke 2. We will share about how we see God today and what we do when we see God. Our service project together during Sunday School will be to give thanks. We will have lots of Thank You cards available and pens, crayons, markers, and colored pencils so all of us – from the smallest to the tallest – can all say thank you to the people we see God through.

During the worship hour, we will continue to celebrate the ways we see God in our lives. There will not be a sermon, instead we will hear how our sisters and brothers have seen God through brief and inspiring personal testimonies. We will hear the story of the Wise Men seeing God in Matthew. And, we will consider how we look for God, how we see God, and how we respond to God. If you have a story to share, please email or speak to Pastor Jenny no later than December 31.

We need your help: Please help make 5th Sunday successful by 1) donating unused thank you cards to the church office by December 31, 2) coming to worship and Sunday School on 5th Sunday with ideas of how you see God at work, and with names of people or organizations for whom you are thankful, 3) sharing a story of your God-sighting, and 4) planning to stay for the potluck afterward.

Sunday School is 8:45-9:45 am in the dining room and worship is at 10:00 am in the sanctuary, with a potluck following.



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 Sun-
day 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

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 at the website too.

As 2017 ends, please consider how God is calling you to give of your resources to support the ministries of the church. Then, as you look to 2018, prayerfully ponder how God desires you to use your gifts to bring others to Christ. Gifts and offerings received by January 7, 2018 and dated in 2017 will be recorded on your 2017 giving statement. If you are not able to offer your financial gifts in person, you are welcome to mail it or give online at www.tiptonumc.org.

[Give Now](#)

Youth News

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.



Danica Rippentrop and Gwen VanScoy



Youth
Christmas Sunday



Children's Sunday School content this month

January 7	See God – Anna & Simeon Intergenerational SS	Luke 2:22-40
January 14	The Boy at the Temple	Luke 2:41-52
January 21	John the Baptist	Luke 3:1-18
January 28	Jesus Goes to Nazareth	Luke 4:14-30

Youth Group January

In January and February we will have authentic faith-building fun with activities and lessons around the questions of *What does it mean to be a beloved child of God?* and *What does it look like to be a beloved child of God?* Meeting dates are January 3 and January 17. There is an extra Wednesday in January, and we have scheduled a **game night** for 6:30-8:00 pm, Wednesday, January 31.

Help needed: Parents, look for opportunities coming soon to sign up to help with food. If you're not a youth parent but want to help, please contact the church office.

Donations appreciated: We need more lemonade. Drop it off in the church office.

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Youth Lock-In at Calvary FourSquare on New Year's Eve. For more information, call the Calvary FourSquare office (563) 886-6418.



- 1 – Aedon Anderson, Deanna Licht
- 2 – Sharon Clark, Kennedy Jackson
- 4 – Murry Mente
- 5 – Kypton Brown, Dixie Martin, Cassie Wallick
- 6 – Bill Esbeck, Neil Gaunt, Billy Hoffman, Sandy Ohrt
- 7 – Andrew Allen, Charles & MacKenzie Miles
- 8 – Ron Elijah, Nate Ohrt, Helen Timm
- 10 – Joseph Battey, Nathan Fitch, Ty Ford, Casey Gade, Helen Palmer
- 11 – Kiki Behne, Rae Leff
- 12 – Gwendolyn VanScoy
- 13 – Berrie Glick, Dick & Helen Palmer
- 14 – Sally Ahrens, Taylor Wendel
- 15 – Glenda Holets
- 16 – Jamie Ketelsen, Jan Linn
- 18 – Nifer Comstock, Bonnie Leslie, Michael Semotan Jr., Rylee Semotan, Emily Wulf
- 19 – Andrea Brown, Sylvia Gould, Mark Lowry, Tina Nau, Matt Schmidt, Alexandria Voss, Larry & Kathy Houstman
- 20 – Samantha Eberle, Carson Glick, Corey Ormsby
- 22 – Chris Eicher, Roger Regennitter, Lyle & Cynthia Fitch
- 25 – Brad & Bobbie Lieser
- 26 – Blake Huston, Shayne Lanning
- 27 – Daniel Charette, Wally Reidel, Danica Rippentrop, Ken & Sylvia Gould
- 28 – Wally & Judy Reidel
- 29 – Emilie Rouse
- 31 – Kamryn Chapman, Debbie Lieser, Mark Wiskus, Marc & Jerrelyn Weaver

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

Ask for what you want,
but be willing to take what
God gives you. It may be better
than what you asked for.

—Norman Vincent Peale

Hospitalized/Procedures: Jan Esbeck, Myrna (Lorna Muller's sister), Cheryl Person

Healing: Nick Brown, Jerry Ferguson, Bob Gould, Sylvia Gould, Rex Idlewine, Carsten Kime, Erma Lyle, Deborah Lowry, Lynn McIntosh, Ken McKay, Randy Nau, Mike Smith, Marjorie Stonerook, Rhonda Waugh, Brady (Sherry Willey's grandson), and others

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:
Sylvia & Ken Gould

Individuals & Families experiencing loss:
Al & Teri Baird, Erma Lyle, Marv & Kay Miller, Jerry & Sylvia Ferguson, Twyla Hein & Kim Cross, 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



January Sunday Servants

HELP WANTED - SEE BELOW

Liturgists - Coordinator Needed

7 –
14 –
21 –
28 –

Power Point (run) Becky Young – Coordinator

7 –
14 –
21 –
28 –

Fellowship Coffee Barb Rickard – Coordinator

7 – All Church Potluck
14 –
21 – Jack & Denise Cartwright
28 –

Greeters Becky Young – Coordinator

7 – Jeff & Mary McKinney
14 – Bob & Glenda Holets
21 – Ken & Deb McKay
28 – Brian Boedeker family

Nursery Office – Coordinator

7 – Kim Rogstad
14 – Kris Clark
21 – Kim Rogstad
28 – Volunteer Needed

From A Child's Point of View

7 –
14 –
21 –
28 –

Ushers - Coordinator Needed

7 –
14 –
21 –
28 –

Communion Stewards Donna Gault – Coordinator

3 – Candi Dusenberry

Acolytes Kim Walter – Coordinator

7 – Lea Stonebraker & Lucas Lieser
14 – Caden & Keaton Schultz
21 – Gavin Roth & Kaitlyn Rogstad
28 – Owen & Emmett Steinman

Presence & Gifts

November

Worship average attendance for November: 110

General Fund	\$10,329.10
Apportionments	\$115.00
Leaving a Legacy	\$15.00
UMCOR	\$20.00
Missions	\$120.00
Missions Auction	\$220.00
Copper Kettle	\$243.27
Upper Room	\$7.60
Shared Blessings	\$22.00
InGathering	\$10.00
GIG Books	\$165.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$480.00
LFP Teacher Salary	\$1,227.22
Blanket Sunday	<u>\$100.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$13,074.19</u>

December

Worship average attendance through Dec. 24: 140

General Fund	\$18,437.85
Apportionments	\$2,135.00
Leaving a Legacy	\$ 15.00
UMCOR	\$10.00
Missions	\$90.00
Missions Auction	\$6.00
Copper Kettle	\$326.37
Sunday School Snack	\$150.00
GIG Books	\$10.00
Christmas Offering	\$272.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$40.00
LFP Teacher Salary	\$1,227.22
Caring Ministries	\$20.00
LFP Contribution	<u>\$100.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$22,839.44</u>



January Calendar



Every Sunday

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

Monday, January 1

6:45 pm Missions Meeting

Tuesday, January 2

1:00 pm GIG
6:30 pm-7:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm SPPRC

Wednesday, January 3

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

Thursday, January 4

9:30 am Communion @ Cedar
Manor
10:00 am GIG
4:30 pm Backpack Buddies

Friday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 9

1:00 pm GIG
6:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

10:00 am GIG
4:30 pm Backpack Buddies
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, January 13

11:00 am-12:00 pm Shared
Blessings

Sunday, January 14

3:00 pm Cedar Manor Worship
6:00 pm Dominoes

Monday, January 15

3:00 pm Circle of Friends

Tuesday, January 16

1:00 pm GIG
6:15 pm-7:30 pm Girls Scouts
Troop 1896
6:30 pm Bible Study
6:45 pm Leadership Council

Wednesday, January 17

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

Thursday, January 18

10:00 am GIG
4:30 pm Backpack Buddies
6:30 pm Trustees

Tuesday, January 23

1:00 pm GIG
2:00 pm Prairie Hills Program
6:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, January 24

12:00 am Newsletter Deadline
8:00 am Holy Folders
1:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 25

10:00 am GIG
4:30 pm Backpack Buddies
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, January 27

11:00 am-12:00 pm Shared
Blessings

Tuesday, January 30

1:00 pm GIG
6:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, January 31

6:30 pm Youth Group Game
Night



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January Events

Jan. 3 — Youth Group

Jan. 5 — HACAP Mobile Food Pantry

Jan. 13 — Shared Blessings

Jan. 14 — Dominoes

Jan. 15 — Circle of Friends

Jan. 17 — Youth Group

Newsletter Articles Due

Jan. 27 — Shared Blessings

Jan. 31 — Meeting of the Holy Folders

Youth Group Game Night



Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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