

United Methodist News

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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, Mary Savelkoul & Dee Wallace Little Friends Preschool **Director and 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 Ministers of Jesus Christ in the World - All the People of God!

Ash Wednesday Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. ~Ecclesiastes 3:20

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 14, we will worship at 7:00 pm, with the Confirmation Youth leading the service.

"Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During the service, Pastor Jenny will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers. The use of ashes, as a sign of mortality and repentance, has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. The ash cross on the forehead is an outward sign of our sorrow, and our repentance of sins."

-Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper February 14

The Mission team, and others from the church, will host a Pancake Supper on Ash Wednesday (there will not be a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper). Plan to eat supper (serving begins at 5:30 pm) and stay for Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm. Cost: free-will offering.



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Did You Know that First UMC in Tipton has a preschool? Church ministry comes in all shapes, sizes and forms. The first thing that often comes to mind is the ministry of worship and Sunday School. Between Sundays, on Monday through Friday, the staff and I are blessed to have 3 and 4 year olds come through the building on their way to and from Little Friends Preschool (LFP). We get to meet the parents and relatives who bring the little friends to class. It's an important and thriving ministry in the life of the church. Our Teacher/Director, Miss Megan, provides energetic, faith-filled, educational learning to the young people of the area, in order to grow them as disciples and prepare them for kindergarten. (See below)

Do You Know What Your Role for the Preschool Is? As members and regular attenders of First UMC, you have an important role in the ministry of the preschool through your prayers, presence, gifts, service,

and witness. Prayers: Pray daily for the children and families of the preschool. Pray for Miss Megan and the Board of Directors (see below). Presence: Attend the events that are for LFP. Gifts: LFP is not at full capacity, and this effects the budget for the preschool. Share your financial gifts with the preschool by marking your offering-"Little Friends Preschool." Miss Megan also has a wish list (available at the church). If you are able to donate items on this list, please contact the church office. Service: Help keep the playground clean and safe. When spring rolls around, spend a little time sprucing up the preschool. Witness: Tell others in the community about the great work the preschool is doing for our children. Invite parents of 3 and 4 year olds in your neighborhood to attend the preschool in the fall. (Packets will be available in late March.)

We, as a church, are blessed to have a preschool. Thank you for your support! *-Pastor Jenny*

Providing Quality Preschool Education



When you think of preschool, you think of children learning, playing and singing. You don't often think about Department of Human Services (DHS) requirements and licensing ... unless you're a preschool director. The Little Friends Preschool state license was up for renewal in November. Our

Director, Megan Coppess, prepared for many weeks, including taking the Essentials class, required by DHS. She met with our licensing worker, Heidi Brown, in early November during a surprise visit. We are very happy to share that Little Friends Preschool passed our licensing visit with flying colors and received a license renewal for another 2 years.

Another step that we are taking to grow our preschool and provide quality education is working on our QRS rating. The Quality Rating System (QRS) is a voluntary program that provides a rating of between one and five stars for providers who go the extra mile to offer exceptional care. The QRS was created to raise the quality of childcare in Iowa, to increase the number of children in high-quality child care settings, and to educate parents about quality in child care. Little Friends was first issued a QRS rating of 2 stars for being a licensed center 2 years ago. Our current rating expires in February. Megan has been working through all of the rigorous standards. She has taken the ECERS (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale) class and NSO (New Staff Orientation for Directors) class, both offered through Iowa State University. She has been making the necessary changes in the classroom as well as delving through the piles of paperwork required. Because of these changes, a rating of 4 or 5 should be easily attainable. Along with a higher rating comes a larger grant to help expand the classroom opportunities for the students.

Little Friends Preschool still has openings, for 3 year olds, in both classes for this current year and is accepting names for our waitlist for 2018-2019 school year. Our preschool is open to anyone (not just church members). We teach using the ABC Jesus Loves Me Curriculum: a comprehensive, research-based preschool curriculum focusing on Academics, Development and the Bible. Please contact the office for registration information.

-Little Friends Preschool Board: Megan Coppess-Director, Kim Walter-Treasurer, Bailey Anderson, Brian Boedeker, Joyce Slach, and Pastor Jenny Seylar

Missions



Souper Bowl Sunday Food Donations

Sunday, February 4, 2018 is the Super Bowl Sunday, and more than 150 million people will be watching. At the same time, 48 million Americans are struggling with food shortages. What can we do to share God's love amid skyrocketing game ticket prices and waste around this yearly event? How about buying cans of soup for the food pantry when you are buying your snacks for home Super Bowl parties?

Bring your non-perishable items to the church on Feb. 4 (and through the month of February) to help stock the food pantry at the Calvary FourSquare Church and the one at First UMC. There will be a box in the Gathering Place to collect the pantry items.

Items needed: canned and boxed soup, canned fruit, non-perishable protein -peanut butter, canned fish, and canned chicken.

Thank you so much for caring!

3rd Mile Rainbow Covenant Church—11th Year

Thank you for so generously giving to Missions projects and making this church, by your prayers, participation and giving, a church that reaches well beyond these walls to bring glory to Jesus Christ and his love to many people. The Missions team is happy to announce that **our church will be recognized as a 3rd mile Rainbow Covenant Church for the 11th year in a row!**

The Rainbow Covenant seeks to help churches develop an intentional, wellbalanced approach to involvement in missions close to home, in the U.S. and globally. To be recognized as a 3rd mile Rainbow Covenant Church, a church must first fully pay their apportionments AND must fully support projects in every rainbow mission category. Watch for a summary of what the miles and colors of the Rainbow Covenant mean and how we did in 2017, in the March newsletter.





My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. —John 15:12-13



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



HACAP Mobile Food Truck Friday, February 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

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!

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: <u>http://www.tiptonumc.org</u> 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 9:00am -5:00pm for a day of being equipped, encouraged,

and sent out into our families and communities to serve Christ. 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, or just come!

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

Be Thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. -1 Thessalonians 5:18

Sunday Servants Needed!

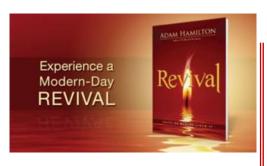
Sunday morning worship, fellowship and education happens because of dedicated servants such as yourself. We are looking for folks to read scripture, run the PowerPoint, usher, staff the nursery, and prepare and serve fellowship time.

If you are interested in serving, please contact the church office. Training is available for all positions. (See page 8 for more serving information)



... and Through Lent

It seems like we just celebrated Christmas and now we are a mere 3 weeks from the start of the Lenten Season. In worship, we will be completing the series on the *Cycle of Grace*. As recipients of God's grace, we are poised to bring revival to the church and the community! We will



spend the season of Lent exploring what it meant for John Wesley's England to turn away from the materialism of the times, and to turn back to a life of trusting God. John and Charles Wesley's story is the foundation of the Methodist Christian faith; we have much to learn from the Revival of the Christian faith that took place in the British Isles and across America. Not only will be explore the story of John Wesley, we will sing songs of faith written by his brother Charles. There will be groups studying <u>Revival</u> by Adam Hamilton. Join us in worship and study!

February 4	The Cycle of Grace: Fruitfulness	Ep
February 11	A Grace-Filled Way to Live	Phi
February 14	Tempted Like Christ Confirmation Class Leads Worship	Lu
February 18	The Need for Revival	Re
February 25	The Desire for Holiness	1 P
March 4	Where is the Faith?	Ro

Ephesians 2: 1-10 CEB Philippians 2: 1-11 CEB Luke 4:1-14

Revelation 2: 1a, 2, 4-5a 1 Peter 1: 13-16 Romans 4:3-5, 5:1-2a

Join a GIG this Lent, or start a new one. Current GIG locations and times are listed in the column to the right

This Lent, Worship will focus on stories of our Wesleyan/Methodist heritage using Adam Hamilton's 6-week resource, <u>Revival</u>. While it is part history-lesson about early Methodism, it's also a message that needs to be heard by every generation, and often several times. GIGs are encouraged to study *Revival* together for Lent.

Here's some additional information about the study from Cokesbury's website: "If you've taken a class using Adam Hamilton's *The Journey* or *The Way*, you know how his DVD sessions seem part travelogue—part history lesson—a lot Bible study. In *Revival*, he once again uses his captivating, storytelling talent to take you on a six-week journey through England tracing the life of John Wesley. Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to twenty-firstcentury Christians, calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. His story is our story. It's our heritage, it defines our faith, and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion."

If you'd like to see the books table of contents or read the first chapter, they're available at <u>adamhamilton.org/books/revival</u>. To order a book, please mark your insert or contact the church office.

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

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 <u>tiptonumc.org</u>. If you miss worship, catch up at the website tiptonumc.org. If you want to give online, that is available at 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.

Children's Sunday School content this month

- Feb. 4 The Disciples Luke 5:1-11; 8:1-3
- Feb. 11 Four Friends Luke 5:17-26
- Feb. 18 Ten Men Healed Luke 17:11-19
- Feb. 25 The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

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 of event will be covered by Youth Group funds.

See <u>ignite-youth.org</u> for more information about the conference.

Faith is about doing. You are how you act, not just how you believe. –Mitch Albom

Youth Group — February

<u>February 7:</u> Theme: What is Lent? Activity: Mask-making Dinner: Sloppy Joes, buns, frozen fries, green beans, dessert

<u>February 14:</u> All Church Pancake Supper and Confirmation Class Youth-Led Ash Wednesday Worship

<u>February 21:</u> **Theme**: How do you see yourself? How does God see you? Activity: Trust walk through egg field **Dinner**: Build Your Own KFC Bowls (mashed potatoes, gravy, chicken nuggets, corn), dessert.

Help needed: We need a few more volunteers for meal prep, serving, and cleanup. Signup online at <u>https://tinyurl.com/ycsw7dj8</u> or contact the church office.

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

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14

What is Lent? Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.



Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation

for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.



Celebrations: Birthdays & Anniversaries

Spend Time in Prayer

1 - Gary & Betty Kline, Todd & Hanna Smith

- 4 Teri Baird, Arlo & Barbara Petersen
- 5 Sandra Corbett, Dick Paul, Samantha Wulf
- 6 Mike Rogstad
- 7 Bev Ehresman
- 8 Sean Driscoll, Stephanie Voss, Penny Webb, Skyler Winekauf-Schmidt
- 9 Lisa Gallagher, Traci Ormsby, Joyce & Christopher Slach
- 10 Eric Clark
- 11 Lonnie Nebergall, Bert Wagaman, Jacob & Amanda Paul
- 12 Shane Boeve, Tenley Bormann
- 14 Hadley Calonder, Nathan Smith, Brandon Stark, Wayne & Ann Neville, Robert & Linda Wood
- 15 Kerilynn Battey, Larry Houstman
- 16 Nicki Aikman, Mary Vang, Bob & Ginny Cummins
- 18 Kolton Mente
- 20 Daisy Wingert, Sheryl Yerington
- 21 Ken McKay, Connie Paul, Ron & Nancy Burroughs
- 22 Alex Anderson
- 23 Amanda Amosson, Glenn L. Eaton, Ronald Wingert, Ted & Deanna Licht
- 24 Kody Wallick
- 25 JoAnn Brennan, Jerry Elijah, Randy Nau, Arlo Petersen
- 26 Jaclynne Driscoll
- 27 Brad Kirkpatrick
- 28 Rick Rouse, Dee Wallace
- 29 Brock Huston

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



Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Nick Brown, Jan Esbeck, Jerry Ferguson, 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, Greta Bierman, Brian Glenn 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-inlaw), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey & Alexa Ormsby, Chris Paul, Mike Ploeger (McKinney's nephew), Dave Russell

Prayers for the family of Ron Chambliss, husband of Diane, father of Tim (Jill), Colin & Carson and Angie Chambliss (Rob Penningroth), who passed away November 15, 2017.

We fail in the work of grace and love when there is too much of us and not enough of God. –Suzanne Woods Fisher

February Sunday Servants

<u>Liturgists</u> – Coordinator Needed 4 – Kris Clark 11 – Alice Ann Gallagher 18 – Alec Heil 25 – Volunteer Needed	De Wo Ge Ap Le
 <u>Power Point (run)</u> Becky Young – Coordinator 4 – Lea Stonebraker 11 – Kevin Rogstad 18 – Kaitlyn Rogstad 25 – Emma Russell 	UN Mi Mi Co Or
 Fellowship Coffee Barb Rickard – Coordinator 4 – TBD 11 – Larry, Berrie, Rob & Amy Glick 18 – Jack & Denise Cartwright, Jeff & Mary McKinney 25 – Jenny Boldt family, Duane & Penny Webb family 	r Su GI Ch Th LF Ca LF Gr
<u>Greeters</u> Becky Young – Coordinator 4 – Scott & Karen Anderson 11 – Pam Spear & Sherry Willey 18 – Heidi Shumaker & Heather Strefling 25 – Tom & Mary Ehresman	
Nursery Office – Coordinator 4 – Emma Russell 11 – Cheryl Person 18 – Volunteer Needed 25 – Kris Clark	
From A Child's Point of View Office – Coordinator 4 – Pastor Jenny 11 – Dusty Johnson 18 – Gail Fleming	

25 – Pastor Jenny

Ushers - Coordinator Needed

- 4 Steve & Cheryl Person
- 11 Jason & Kim Walter
- 18 Adam & Katie Rippentrop Betty & Emma Russell
- 25 Volunteers Needed

Communion Stewards Donna Gault - Coordinator

4 – Kim Cross & Twyla Hein

Acolytes Kim Walter - Coordinator

- 4 Gabrielle & Hannah Paustian
- 11 Alicia & Jenae Walter
- 18 Gwen VanScoy & Danica Rippentrop
- 25 Colbie Schultz & Lea Stonebraker

December

Worship average attenda	nce: 124
General Fund	\$38,178.85
Apportionments	\$2,155.00
Leaving a Legacy	\$15.00
UMCOR	\$10.00
Missions	\$90.00
Missions Auction	\$6.00
Copper Kettle	\$357.07
Organ Pipe Cloth	\$5,000.00
Sunday School Snacks	\$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	\$100.00
Grand Total	\$47,631.14

January (through Jan 28)

Worship average attendance through Jan. 28: 92			
\$10,254.74			
\$130.00			
\$15.00			
\$90.00			
\$70.00			
\$175.21			
\$40.00			
\$206.41			
\$20.00			
\$300.00			
\$1,227.22			
\$40.00			
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February 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

Thursday, February 1 10:00 am GIG

Friday, February 2 3:30 pm-4:30 pm Mobile Food Pantry

Monday, February 5 6:45 pm Missions Meeting 7:30-9:30 pm PEO

Tuesday, February 6 1:00 pm GIG 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, February 7 5:30-8:15 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm GIG 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Thursday, February 8 9:30 am Communion @ Cedar Manor 10:00 am GIG 6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal 6:30 pm SPPRC Meeting

Saturday, February 10 11:00 am-12:00 pm Shared Blessings

Sunday, February 11 11:15 am Creative Worship 6:00-8:00 pm Dominoes

Tuesday, February 13 1:00 pm GIG 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, February 14 1:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm GIG 5:30 pm Pancake Supper 7:00 pm Ash Weds Worship

Thursday, February 15 10:00 am GIG

Saturday, February 17 9:30 am-11:00 am PEO

Monday, February 19 3:00 pm Circle of Friends

Tuesday, February 20 1:00 pm GIG 6:15-7:30 pm Girls Scouts Troop 1896 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 6:45-7:45 pm Leadership Council Wednesday, February 21 Newsletter Deadline 5:30-8:15 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm GIG 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 22 10:00 am GIG 6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Trustees

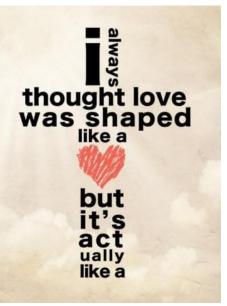
Saturday, February 24 11:00 am-12:00 pm Shared Blessings

Tuesday, February 27 1:00 pm GIG 2:00 pm Prairie Hills Worship 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, February 28 8:00 am Holy Folders 1:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, March 1 10:00 am GIG

Friday, March 2 3:30pm Mobile Food Pantry



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February Events

- Feb. 2 HACAP Mobile Food Pantry
- Feb. 7 Youth Group
- Feb. 10 Shared Blessings
- Feb. 11 Dominoes
- Feb. 14 Pancake Supper Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb. 19 Circle of Friends
- Feb. 21 Youth Group
 - Newsletter Articles Due
- Feb. 24 Shared Blessings
- Feb. 28 Meeting of the Holy Folders



<u>Mission Statement:</u> Tipton First United Methodist Church

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."