



First United
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United Methodist News

August 2021

Shared Blessings Update

After 14 months of pick-up/delivery only Shared Blessings meals, we are calling it quits. **Starting September 11th** we will return to the dining room every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month serving from

11:00–11:45. Carry outs will still be available, but we are excited to offer our church as a place of fellowship to our guests again.

We will not be serving meals in August to allow our few volunteers a break and to prepare for getting back to “normal”.

Please contact Heidi Shumaker (563-357-5173) or Bobbie Lieser (319-530-3948) if you would like to volunteer to serve, help with meal preparation, and/or make a dessert for us to share occasionally. We would love to share the joy of this mission with others.



Bibles

As you have probably noticed, new bibles have been placed in the sanctuary. The old ones are in need of a good home. If you would like to have a bible, they have been placed on the table in the Gathering Place as well as the cart in the breeze way. Feel free to take one.



The Upper Room

The Upper Room devotional for July/August are here. You can pick one up at the back of the church or on the cart in the breeze way.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Between Sundays

Dear Friends,

Next Thursday I am going to start on a new journey. No, I'm not going on vacation. No, I'm not leaving the church. Yes, I am starting the process of considering bariatric surgery. There are several good reasons to consider this:

- a. weight loss, ever since I developed back problems it has been hard to lose weight because of my inability to move much,
- b. diabetes, this is a metabolic surgery and will most likely enable me to get off of most, if not all my diabetic medicines, including insulin,
- c. back pain, by losing weight I am expecting my back will hurt less. Part of what I appreciate about this process is that it is comprehensive. Once you start the program the goal is to have the surgery within 6 months. There will be a sleep study, a psychiatric evaluation, and numerous visits with doctors and nutritionists. Then after the surgery there is at least 6 months of follow up. That being said it is a huge decision. It will involve a radical lifestyle change, and one of the options, and probably the best for me, is irreversible.

All of this reminds me of our life as Christians and our life in the church. Many of us when we first became Christians and joined a church were very enthusiastic, wanting to do whatever was necessary to serve God in Jesus. We were willing to teach Sunday school, lead a youth group, serve on a committee, help with worship, and the list goes on. But eventually, for many,

the luster begins to wane. Maybe you got burned out, or you got interested in something else, or somebody hurt your feelings, or covid-19 removed church from your list of things to do. Whatever the reason your enthusiasm is gone. One of the hard realities of church life is that not everything is a mountain top experience, a lot of it is just plain hard work.

May I suggest that this fall might be a great chance for you to do something radical. Wipe the dust off your Bibles and come back to church. Good things are already happening and it can only get better. We have had as many as 75 – 80 in worship and since we are able to sing again it has been wonderful. This year I will have at least 10 in confirmation, and I am putting together a Christian Education committee to help get things going. The truth is that we need you, and I think you need the church and I know you need God.

I told Terra that I am pretty sure that I am going to opt for the bariatric surgery, and she asked why. I told her, because I am starting to see myself on the other side, thinner, with more energy, and not taking as many medicines, and I liked that. I invite you to see yourself on the other side of coming back to church, having a closer relationship with God, and feeling blessed. Welcome home.

Blessings,

Pastor Jay

Financials

During the coronavirus pandemic and with the precautions we are taking to keep us all safe, we have seen a decline in our weekly contribution income over the past few months. Unfortunately, the bills haven't slowed down any! We are asking that you prayerfully consider either mailing in your usual tithe for the month of August or possibly an increase from your usual. You can also go online and donate by following the "Give Now" option at the top of our web-site.

Tithing on a regular basis not only supports the work we do here at the First United Methodist Church, it also supports local missions, our community, and helps people around the world. It also shows an obedience to God by making his work a financial priority in your life. Your financial gifts make it known that you are putting God first.

We earnestly appreciate your ongoing support and want to let you know we're here for you. If there's ever anything we can do for you and your family, don't hesitate to reach out. You are a valued member of our church family. Your continued financial support of the church's mission is making a difference.



Missions

Mission Auction Recap

On June 20 after worship, we enjoyed a great lunch . . . and the rain came! It was so welcome that we went ahead and had our annual Mission Auction to raise money for camp scholarships. Although a few of us got wet we had a great afternoon of fun and fellowship. We also raised just over \$4,000!

Thank you to all who participated by purchasing some great items or by making a donation. Also, a big thank you to Ron Wingert and Tony and Michelle Wagner for the great job they did auctioneering. Thank you also to everyone who donated items, helped with the lunch, and did all that was needed behind the scenes! We couldn't have done this without everyone!

August Mission

In August we will be collecting items needed for the Domestic Violence Shelter. Here is a little information from their web page.

Survivors often flee abuse with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Traumatized and fearful, they turn to organizations like Domestic Violence Intervention Program for refuge and to be provided everything they need to start over from bedding and towels to toothbrushes and shampoo.

Here is a list of the top needed items.

Pots, pans, silverware, and dishes
(plastic or durable is preferred for the dishes)
Deodorant
African American hair care products
Size 4 diapers
Plain black and white adult socks
Spring/Summer PJ's size 4t-5t Girls and Boys
Adult and children's shorts
Kid's shoes and sandals
Coffee, Cereal, Salad Dressing (not ranch), Canned tuna and chicken
Rice
Towels/Dishcloths
Gift Cards – Target, WalMart, Visa
Gas gift cards
Blankets/Sheet sets
Cleaning Supplies; Mops/Brooms/Swiffer
Silent toys (Legos, play-doh, hot wheels, etc.)
Backpacks and Gym Bags
Art Supplies

There will be boxes in the Gathering Place for all items collected. Please prayerfully consider helping with this much needed mission.

Mobile Pantry Distribution Changes

The Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled to be at First UMC Tipton on Friday, August 6, 3:30-4:30 pm. We are still following the procedures of pre-boxed food being picked up in the alley.

www.tiptonumc.org



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

Shared Blessings will be taking a break during the month of August.

We will be back in September with meals being served in the dining room again! Plan to join us Sept. 11!
11:00-11:45 am



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck
In Tipton**

Friday, August 6

In Bennett

Tuesday, August 10

In West Branch

Tuesday, August 17

Questions?

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

Income Eligibility
Guidelines Apply

www.hacap.org

- 1 – Emersen Coppess, Deb Eisele, Curtis Kuehl, Brian Schmidt, Dawn Spickermann, Leslie Timmerman
- 2 – Jaxon Huston, Larry Rochau, Mike & Deb Eisele
- 3 – Jarod Bormann, Robert Friday, Shane & Christine Boeve
- 5 – Rhonda Waugh
- 6 – Gary Kline, Jim & Lisa Allen
- 7 – Jerry & Betty Elijah, Todd & Kelly Huston, Bob & Becky Young
- 8 – Jim Allen, Gretta Harper, Linda Wood, Greg & Sandy Brown
- 9 – Sandy Fedler, Aron Keller, Ron Schroeder, Ken & Lorna Muller
- 10 – Kim Anderson, Barb Cawiezell, Allan Charette & Deb Conant
- 11 – Madison O'Leary, Joyce Slach
- 12 – Leanne Boots, Deb Conant, Dave & Becky Fetterman
- 13 – Kevin Houstman, Colin Nash
- 14 – Vanessa Shipley
- 15 – Christopher Slach
- 16 – McCabe Hertert, Brian & Amber Boedeker
- 17 – Flynn Hubler, Brad Lieser
- 18 – Elisabeth Gardner, Jim Hanson, Cael Ormsby, Davis Webb, Dale Williams
- 19 – Dan Coppess, Dusty Johnson, Jerrelyn Weaver
- 20 – Jordyn Schmidt, Ian Spangler, Randy & Mary Bormann
- 21 – Frances Ford
- 22 – Kaitlyn McKinney, Mike Semotan, Jim & Tina Jorgensen
- 24 – Jacob Spickermann, Eldon & Jo Ann Beers
- 26 – Ann Jurgensen, Angela Swick, Nick Yerington
- 27 – Connor Davidson, Gerry Reeve, Julie Williams, Jeff & Mary McKinney
- 28 – Jorden Anderson, Joe & Colette Crock, Korey & Haley Miller, Andy & Kerri Nash
- 29 – Bob Butler, Elizabeth Schroeder, Jason Smith, Rob & Amy Glick, Kent & Carmen Hoffman, Deb & Mark Lowry
- 30 – Travis Person, Jeff & Traci Ormsby

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Glenn Fear, Jacob Spickerman, Bob Cummins, Bonnie Snider (Mary Vang's mom) Jo Ann Beers, Nick Brown, Denise Cartwright, Barb Cawiezell, Glenn Eaton, Bob Gould, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, half-brother and nephew of Deb Lowry, Deb McKay, Randy Nau, Judy Ohrt, Rhonda Waugh, Carol Gustafson (Rhonda Waugh's mom) Mary Wright (Lois Salmonson's sister)

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Greg & Sandy Brown

Individuals & Families experiencing loss:

Sylvia Ferguson and family
The family of Mark Beuter
The family of Dalene McKinnon (Tom Ehresman's sister)

In Treatment: Leroy Clark (Lisa Davies' dad), Ron Burroughs, Gail Donovan (Pam Spear's sister), Tom Ehresman, Paul Esbeck (Gordon & Jan's son), Ken Gould, Clara Italiano, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Dorothy Thiele (Lois Salmonson's sister), Chris Ward

Hospice/Palliative Care: Carrol Amundson (Pastor Jay's father)

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

I don't think
that we're meant to
understand it all the time.
I think that sometimes we
just have to have faith.

-Nicholas Sparks

Beginning Balance	\$5,035.86
Income	
Contributions	\$11,055.71
Contingency Fund	\$6,000.00
Expenses	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$9,781.89
Postage	\$132.00
Insurance	\$1,936.25
Pulpit Supplies	\$100.00
Phone/Internet	\$140.18
Advertising	\$111.00
Copier Lease	\$124.46
Financial Overhead	\$76.22
Utilities	\$737.11
Misc.	\$1,109.23
Ending Balance	\$7,843.23
Unpaid Apportionments	\$25,853.67
Paid Apportionments	\$2,350.33

Getting Back To Normal . . . Slowly

As restrictions begin to loosen, so have things here at the church. One being the church doors being open until evening. They are usually locked around 6:00 pm.

Some other things: we are singing, passing the plate during worship, communion, having liturgists, and we will soon be having fellowship time after worship.

The church is also once again open for special events. Please call the church office, 886.2331, if you would like to reserve a room or the kitchen/dining room.

If you begin to live life
looking for the God that
is all around you,
every moment
becomes a prayer.

-Frank Bianco

College Connections

If you would like for your college student to receive mailings from the church this school year, please forward their address to the church office.



Crockpot Challenge

After a year off, we will be hosting our 3rd Crockpot Challenge event this fall to raise funds for postage & expenses related to monthly packages/ letters sent to college students. A date is yet to be determined,

but this is advance notice to test out a new recipe or two in your crockpot that you think could be this year's crowd favorite.

Community Action of Eastern Iowa is now taking applications for our school supply program. This program is for households who meet low income guidelines and are residing in Cedar Co (also Clinton Co and Muscatine Co) who will have children attending K-12th grade this fall. The applications are online at our website <http://www.caeiowa.org/school>

Applications will be taken in the order received until program funds are exhausted.

Households unable to access the application online are able to call and do an application over the phone. Please call 563-324-3236.

The program will not cover preschool or college aged children.

If anyone has questions about the program, please call me at 563-549-9375.

Thanks,

Jan Slaughter

Community Action of Eastern Iowa
Cedar Co Site Manager
Quality Assurance Coordinator
563-549-9375 cell



Little Friends Preschool



Providing Quality Education

Help Wanted

We are seeking a Preschool Teacher to join our Little Friends Preschool for the upcoming 2021–2022 school year! Little Friends Preschool is a 3-year-old preschool serving the Cedar County area. This individual will plan and present age appropriate activities for children.

Responsibilities:

- Instruct preschool-aged children in activities designed to promote intellectual and creative growth
- Create a fun and safe learning environment
- Develop schedules and routines to ensure child's overall growth
- Establish and maintain positive relationships with students and parents
- Communicate with parents on students' growth and progress
- Maintain the health and safety of all students

Qualifications:

- Previous experience in childcare, teaching, or other related fields
- Passionate about working with children
- Ability to build rapport with children
- Positive and patient demeanor

Excellent written and verbal communication skills

If interested, please email your cover letter and resume to office@tiptonumc.org or drop off in person (mornings are best) at the church office by **August 1st, 2021**.

Little Friends Preschool
607 Lynn St.
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Every happening,
great and small,
is a parable whereby
God speaks to us,
and the art of life
is to get the message.

-Malcolm Muggeridge



August Calendar

Every Sunday
10:00–11:15 am
Worship



Dates and times are subject to change. Go to our website for current information.

Sunday, August 1
11:15 am Confirmation Meeting

Monday, August 2
6:30 pm Missions Meeting

Wednesday, August 4
6 pm SPRC Meeting
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, August 5
9:30 am Communion @ Cedar Manor
10 am GIG
6:30 Chaos Rehearsal

Friday, August 6
3:30 – 4:30 pm Mobile Food Pantry

Sunday, August 8
11:15 am Confirmation Meeting

Wednesday, August 11
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, August 12
10 am GIG
6:30 pm Trustees
6:30 Chaos Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 17
6:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 18
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, August 19
10 am GIG
6:30 Chaos Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 24
2 pm Prairie Hills Worship

Wednesday, August 25
Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, August 25
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, August 26
10 am GIG
6:30 Chaos Rehearsal

Can't Make Worship? Visit the Website.

Weekly sermons are posted at:
tiptonumc.org.

Watch the livestream on Sunday morning.

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

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: www.tiptonumc.org

How: Click the Give Now button, setup an account, and submit your gift.

GOD is *Good*,
all the time.

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August Events

Aug. 6 — HACAP Mobile Food
Pantry

Aug. 23 — First Day of School!

Aug. 24 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

Aug. 25 — Newsletter Deadline

Sept. 1 — Holy Folders

Have Faith

Mission Statement:
Tipton First United Methodist Church

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