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



United Methodist News

October 2021



The first Sunday in
October is World
Communion Sunday.

United Methodist
congregations join many

Christian churches across the globe for this celebration
of unity among churches across denominations using
the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this
unity.

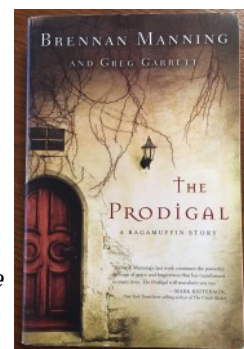
United Methodists believe in an open table; anyone
may receive communion.

Our Book of Worship says, "All who intend to lead a
Christian life, together with their children, are invited
to receive the bread and cup."

World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for
U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and
international students, on both undergraduate and
graduate levels.

Fall Bible Study

Pastor Jay will be leading a book study
this fall on the book, *The Prodigal, A
Ragamuffin Story* by Brennan Manning
and Greg Garrett. This is a wonderful
book based on the story of the Prodigal
Son as found in the Bible.



*The Prodigal illustrates the power of grace
through the story of a broken man who
finally saw Jesus not because he preached
his greatest sermon or wrote his most powerful book, but
because he failed miserably. Jack Chisholm lost everything –
his church, his family, his respect, and his old way of
believing – but he found grace. It's the same grace that
Brennan Manning devoted his life to sharing: profound in
nature and coming from a God who loves us just as we are,
and not as we should be.*

The Thursday morning GIG will be starting this study
on October 21. Please have the first 2 chapters read. The
Wednesday evening GIG will start on October 13 @ 6:30 pm.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I read that yesterday, September 21 was World Gratitude Day. Along with the announcement was this statement by Diana Butler Bass.

*Gratitude calls us to too sit together,
to imagine the world as a table of
hospitality.*

Along with that quote is the picture that is also shown on this page. The picture is done by Jan Richardson and it speaks to me. I have it hanging in my office, it is called "The Best Supper". It reminds me that all are welcome at God's table.

When I close my eyes I find myself sitting around this table. I imagine it to be a table that expands and shrinks depending on who is able to be there. But no matter who is there, they are loved. All are loved, what a concept. It sounds like something that we should aspire to as Christians.

Jesus tells us to love those who love us (that's easy), but He goes on to say that we are to love our enemies (not so easy). But can you imagine what the world would be like if we managed to do that. What or who is God calling us to in order to start making this happen.

The other poster I have in my office is a quote by John Wesley. "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can."

May that be who we are in the days to come.
May it be so. Amen.

Pastor Jay



August 1 Balance **\$8,726.45**

Income

Contributions \$13,019.43

Expenses

Salaries/Pension/Taxes \$9,688.83

Boiler Inspection \$405.00

Utilities –

Church/Parsonage \$709.80

Financial Overhead \$54.17

Postage \$11.00

Worship Supplies \$19.16

Cont. Education \$66.00

Phone/Internet \$140.00

Copier Lease \$129.70

Elevator Maintenance \$413.00

Miscellaneous \$219.00

August 30 Balance **\$9,888.89**

Unpaid Apportionments **\$25,853.67**

Paid Apportionments **\$2,350.33**

Attendance

Aug. 1 45

Aug. 8 50

Aug. 15 51

Aug. 22 51

Aug. 29 65



Missions

Community Work Day

We will once again be raking leaves and cleaning gutters as soon as the leaves start to fall. There will be a sign-sheet in the Gathering Place or feel free to contact the church office and we will get your name on the list.

The date has yet to be decided, but if you would like to help please let one of the missions team know or again, contact the church office.

More information will be posted when a date has been decided.

Thanksgiving Ingathering

It's time again to start putting together kits for Thanksgiving Ingathering. Ingather is Saturday, November 6. A dedication will be held on Sunday, October 31.

A list of each kit and what is needed will be available at the back of the sanctuary as well as in the breezeway. Please fill the kits with just what is on the list. They are very particular.

Layette Kit

- 6 Cloth Diapers
- 2 Gowns or Sleepers
- 2 Onesies or Undershirts
- 2 Infant Washcloths – No adult washcloths
- 6 Diaper Pins – must have protective plastic closures
- 1 Sweater, Sweatshirt, or Jacket (0–6 months) – knitted, crocheted or sewn with front opening – No ties or buttons
- 2 Receiving Blankets – 28"x28" to 32"x32"

No crib, fleece or thermal blankets

Bundle items inside one of the blankets and secure with diaper pins. Add a \$2 donation for diaper cream.

Landscaping Update

You may have noticed some change in the landscaping in front of the education wing. The mulch that we put down in June 2019 is disintegrating quickly. I removed the bark from that area and put it in a few areas in the long stretch of landscaping that leads to the education wing. Bob was planning to use river rock but the quarry does not have any right now! What we used is river rock from the Moscow quarry and much of it is quite small. We put on 2 tons of rock but it needs more. So our thought is to hopefully put a layer of river rock from the quarry next spring.

This will be an ongoing project doing a small section at a time. We are laying down landscape cloth under the rock. Jan and Ruehl Wehde are expert gardeners and have been taking care of the north and east side of the church. We are all hoping this change will result in minimal care going forward.

Becky Young



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

**Saturday, Oct. 9
Saturday, Oct. 23
11:00-11:45 am**



HACAP Mobile Food Truck

In Tipton

Friday, October 1

In Bennett

Tuesday, Oct. 12

In West Branch

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Questions?

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

Income Eligibility
Guidelines Apply

www.hacap.org

God is speaking to all of us, all the time.
The question is not, to whom does God talk?
The question is, who listens?

-Neale Donald Walsch

Leadership Council Minutes

Leadership Council met September 21 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place. In attendance were Pastor Jay Amundson, Bonnie Swick, Lois Salmonson, Sue Thumma, and Laura Hembry. Joyce Slach joined later. Absent was Mary Jo Heil

Meeting called to order by Lois. Pastor Jay led us in prayer.

Minutes of August meeting approved.

Pastor Thoughts: Confirmation class is going well. Necessary to use zoom to meet several students needs.

Lay Leader: Lois will be stepping down from this position effective immediately.

Missions: Lois reported for Mary Jo – August project for Domestic Violence Intervention Shelter in Iowa City. Goal was to collect 200 pairs of socks, final count was 336! Wha Ho! September project was basic supplies for those in need here in Cedar County. The collection is going well.

Christian Education: Nothing reported.

Memorial: Nothing to report on.

Finance: Donations are still not enough to pay apportionments.

Trustees: 2 trees will be taken down in October. Clean up of chunked wood is church's responsibility so if you need fire wood, come help yourself after October 2. It's FREE. Please have this picked up by the end of the month.

Fire alarms replaced in the Gathering Room and sanctuary.

Carbon monoxide detectors replaced in the Gathering Place.

Still waiting on engineer and insurance company for replacing roof on education wing.

Completed Mission and Ministry Plan for 2022.

Next meeting will be October 19 @ 6:30pm in the Gathering Place.

Pastor Jay closed with a prayer.



Church and Community

Calling All Kids

Do you want to be a part of a live Nativity scene with LIVE animals (including camels, goats, llama, and more!)? The Tipton Chamber of Commerce is putting together a live Nativity Scene for their annual Parade of Lights on Saturday, November 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The Nativity will be in the greenspace next to Among Friends. You will have a perfect view of the parade and you will be right next to the community Christmas tree, which we light up at the end of the parade! Costumes will be provided for the evening. Please let Abby know if you're able to join the fun!

Abby Cummins-VanScoy,
abby_c71@hotmail.com or call 319-541-2278



Trunk or Treat

Our church will be having an entry in the annual Trunk or Treat that is sponsored by the City of Tipton, Tipton Police Department, and the Tipton Fire Department.

This event takes place at the city park in front of the Aquatic Center on Sunday, October 24 from 1–2:30 pm.

The Community is invited to join in the spooktacular event offering FREE family fun! Children will receive candy/treats from decorated trunks! Wear your costumes and join the Fun!

Lindsey Sears with Iowa Photo Company will take pictures
Tipton FFA and Alumni will have a Hay Maze.

If you would like to donate candy/treats or would like to help with this event, please contact the church office.

Scarecrow or Circuit Rider?

The Tipton Chamber is asking for Tipton businesses and churches to dress up a scarecrow and put it out front. What would be more appropriate for the Methodist church than a circuit rider!

The Sunday school will be helping dress our entry and we hope to have it ready to go by October 3. Our scarecrow will be displayed until November 15. Each week a few of the scarecrows will be posted on the Chamber and City of Tipton's Facebook pages. Watch for our Circuit Rider!



Prayer pushes
us through
life's slumps,
propels us over
the humps
and pulls us
out of the dumps.

Prayer
is the oomph
we need to get
the answers
we seek.

—Max Lucado



- 1 – Steve Pudinski, Steve Yerington,
Thomas & Sara Hembry
- 2 – Brandon Fleming, McKenna O’Leary
- 4 – Jennifer Boedeker, Jo Johnston,
Chris VanScoy
- 5 – Caleb Shumaker
- 6 – Brad Anderson, Carson Chambliss,
Ferris Davis, Lyle Fitch, Brad Wendel
- 7 – Corey Wallick
- 8 – Judy Reidel
- 9 – Thomas James, Keith & Carolyn Wood
- 10 – Ryan Stonebraker
- 12 – Rebecca & Seth Boltz
- 13 – Angie Chambliss
- 14 – Jay Amundson, Ayden Crock, Levi
Daniel, Jan Esbeck, Jennifer Rinas,
Amanda Smith, Brandon Thomas,
Mark & Shellby Wiskus
- 15 – Alecia Esbeck, Garret Fitch, Robyn
Nebergall, Corby Swick
- 16 – Avary Calonder, Dave & Trina Hill
- 17 – Diana & Cameron Ozburn
- 18 – Chris Clark, Christy Schilling,
Ron & Laura Hembry
- 19 – Brian Heil, Ron Salmonson, Jackson
Timmerman
- 20 – Heather & Joseph Davidson
- 21 – Lindsay Cundiff, Vicki Daniel,
Clayton Keller, Stephanie Ruby,
Donnie & Michelle Miles
- 22 – Molly Chapman, Colette Crock, Alicia
Walter
- 23 – Sommer Daniel
- 24 – Tawnya Johnson
- 26 – Ava Boldt, Beckham Daniel,
Dale & Mindy Williams
- 27 – Angela Driscoll
- 28 – Brooke Boedeker, Maggie Bormann,
Ginny Cummins, Craig Puffer,
Adam Rippentrop
- 30 – Samantha Anderson
- 31 – Steve Daniel, Adam Davidson, Jeanette
Kirkpatrick

Hospitalized/Procedures: Marv Miller, Brenda Thompson (Bob Young’s sister)

Healing: Gordon Esbeck, Margaret Ketelsen, Glenn Fear, Jacob Spickerman, Bob Cummins, Jo Ann Beers, Nick Brown, Denise Cartwright, 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:

Individuals & Families experiencing loss:
The family of Bud Daufeldt (Judy Ohrt’s brother)

In Treatment: Kay Miller, Norma Snyder (Mary Vang’s sister-in-law), 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:

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

First Friday Donuts!

We are teaming up with the United Church of Christ of Tipton to meet, greet, and serve donuts and juice to the high school students on the first Friday of every month.



What about you?

Can we put you down for Oct. 1? 8–8:30 am in the UCC parking lot. Reach out to the office to add your name to the list.

October Calendar

Every Sunday

8:30 am Confirmation

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00–11:15 am

Worship



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

Friday, October 1

3:30–4:30 pm HACAP Mobile Food Pantry

Monday, October 4

6:30 pm Mission

Wednesday, October 6

6:00 pm SPRC

6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, October 7

10:00 am GIG

6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, October 9

11:00 – 11:45 pm Shared Blessings

Wednesday, October 9

6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, October 14

10:00 am GIG

6:30 Chaos Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 19

6:30 pm Leadership Council

Wednesday, October 20

Newsletter Deadline

6:30 pm LFP Board Meeting

6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, October 21

10:00 am GIG

6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

6:30 pm Trustees

Saturday, October 23

11:00 – 11:45 pm Shared Blessings

Tuesday, October 26

2:00 pm Prairie Hills Worship

Wednesday, October 27

8:00 am Holy Folders

6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, October 28

10:00 am GIG

6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal



Can't Make Worship? Visit the Website.

Weekly sermons are posted at:
tiptonumc.org.

Watch the livestream
on Sunday morning.



To watch the live service, or the latest recorded service, visit the church website at tiptonumc.org and click on the [Latest Worship Video](#) link on the left side under the logo (or under the logo on your mobile phone). You can also click the WorshipLIVE icon.

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Pantry

Oct. 9 — Shared Blessings

Oct. 20 — Newsletter Deadline

Oct. 23 — Shared Blessings

Oct. 26 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

Oct. 27 — Holy Folders



Mission Statement:
Tipton First United Methodist Church

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