

The big news is that there is a pastor; there will be worship; we have work to do!

Serving as our half-time, Interim Pastor, for the months of August, September, and October is Paul Frederiksen. Pastor Paul retired June 2021 from 37 years of ministry, including 11 years from 2005 to 2016, here at 1st UMC! He and his wife Jane Moen now live in Cedar Falls, over 100 miles away from Tipton. Zoom, email, Facetime, texting and phone will be utilized as much as possible but some matters will dictate that Pastor Paul must and will make a trip to Tipton – besides for Sunday worship.

After leading 2 pm worship, **Tuesday, August 16**, at Prairie Hills, Pastor Paul and Jane will return to the church and be available from **3:30–5 pm** for a **meet and greet** around iced tea.

If you need to contact Pastor Paul, you may inform the church office and Mary Jo will make the connection. Or contact directly:

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1815 Quail Run Lane, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Leadership Council Tue, Aug. 16, 6:30 pm

It will be important for good representation to be present for this meeting. We need all who are specified “members” to be present but at this and any meeting of the Leadership Council, any and all are invited and can participate in discussions. (Sorry, voting is for “members.”)

It is urgent that we speak not only of the interim, and not only of the next three months but also an interim period that goes through June of 2023. Furthermore, any of those conversations will likely have implication for life down the road upon receipt of your next appointed pastor.

Also of importance is that your [annual, local] **Church Conference** is scheduled for **Monday, Oct. 10**. Superintendent Colorado has asked us to set the time that will be convenient and will provide best opportunity for wide participation. But of course, that’s the easy part. We have much work to do as we prepare for the Church Conference. Some of those documents and the

spirit of the conference itself will be helpful for Supt. Colorado and the Cabinet as they consider your next appointed pastor.

“Homebound” or, ‘just don’t get out much’... To provide best possible congregational care, we are compiling an inclusive list of persons who would enjoy and benefit from personal contacts by someone from the church. It’s easy to miss someone, perhaps by thinking, “I saw them at the grocery store;” or something like that. The truth might be that the trip for groceries was the one trip out for the entire month!!

Congregational Visitors to provide Christian presence are also being solicited. If you’ve ever thought, “Why doesn’t the pastor/church/some-one visit that person;” YOU may be THE person who was supposed to! Here’s a chance to be the difference you want to see!

Let Mary Jo know in the church office (563-886-2331) if you have a name to submit for “homebound” OR if you’re interested in being part of the congregational care program.

History can be helpful when going through times of transition. While we may be feeling like no one in the world has ever experienced such an event or time, history often lets us know that’s not the case. In fact the Bible is filled with transitions... and in at least one case it took over 40 years of conflicting views and powerful leadership for the change to happen.

Yes, the story of the exodus reminds us that change in and of itself is not bad, evil nor even un-expected!

Some parts of change are predictable. For example, change creates within us that feeling of being anxious. It occurs when we are not sure what comes next; nor might we know how long it will take until the change is complete or the current conflict will cease. But none of that is “bad” nor “evil.” Our response to it can easily become detrimental to growing God’s Kingdom (“evil”) so our individual responsibility is to keep tabs on our reactions to the changes around us.

Communication will be vital and must include not only ‘organizational’ communication – i.e. this special edition of the newsletter; but also one-on-one; individuals with the church office/Mary Jo; leaders and committees talking and sharing.

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



Curious and/or Concerned

The Education committee as well as those that are curious and concerned, will be meeting on **August 21 at 9 am** before worship.

Everyone is welcome!
We need all the help we can get!

In the same way,
faith is dead when it doesn't result in **faithful activity**.

— James 2:17

Mission Statement:
Tipton First United Methodist Church

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