

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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Church Staff

Interim Pastor –

Paul Frederiksen

Administrative Ministries

Coordinator – **Mary Jo Heil**

Custodian – **Meredith Coppess**

Chancel Choir

Director – **Luke Johnston**

Piano/Organ – **Jo Brown,**
Dee Wallace

Little Friends Preschool

Director and Teacher –

Daisy Little

Xn Chaos Director –

Greg Brown

Bishop of the Iowa Annual

Conference – **Laurie Haller**

Northeast District

Superintendent –

Rev. Dr. Moody Colorado

Ministers of Jesus Christ in the
World – **All the People of God!**

THANK YOU!!

... to all those that answered the call to teach Sunday school this year! Student numbers are slowly increasing and additional teachers were needed. What a great problem to have!! We have classes for youth and adults, sooo if you are looking for warm and friendly fellowship on Sunday morning, come check out what we have to offer.

Those teaching are:

Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st grade – Kellie Rouse

2nd and 3rd grade – Mary Jo Heil and Joyce Slach

4th and 5th grade – Cheryl Person

6th, 7th, and 8th grade – Adam & Katie Rippentrop

High school – Abby Cummins-VanScoy

Wired Word – Bob Young

Sunday Morning GIG – Kiley Schultz

Thursday Morning GIG – Lois Salmonson

Thursday Evening GIG – Bob Young

Thursday Evening Ladies Bible Study – Sylvia Ferguson

There is still a need for a couple additional teachers (ideally we would like to have two per classroom for the youth). It would be nice to also have a couple substitutes. If you think this is something you would like to help with, please contact the church office.



THANK
YOU!



... to all those that stayed after lunch on Sept. 11 and helped with the All-Church-Clean-Up! There were around 40 people that dusted, swept, vacuumed, cleaned windows, and so much more! The church looks great!

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

A Word or Two From Pastor Paul

ARE YOU A “MEMBER” OF 1st UMC??

Paul Frederiksen, Interim Pastor

If you are a “member” of this or any United Methodist Church, at one time you pledged to participate by your “prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.” That’s not a buffet; it’s the solid diet of a growing Christian. After all, the ‘business’ of a church is to assist Christians to grow.

It is the duty of the leadership of a church, lay and clergy, to hold people accountable for their participation and, therefore, their growth.

What that, briefly, means for the leadership of this church:

1. There’s no such thing as being a “member” and requesting to hear nothing from us! When you make a request to receive no mail, not even the newsletter, you are, in effect, saying you no longer consider yourself a member. It is our duty to oblige and remove your name.
2. If you disagree with that assessment you have until October 12th to contact the current pastor; or Lay Leader Lois Salmonson; or the church office, setting up an appointment with one of the persons listed above.
3. We have a considerable number of “members” for whom we have no current contact information. On that account, and after attempting to locate people, we must assume we are no longer their church.

Those names will be presented to the Leadership Council for comment. If no one expresses a reason for them to remain a member, those names will be read at the October 16 Church Conference.

4. Then, the next year, genuine attempts will be made by the church leadership to make a connection with each of those people. If that effort is unsuccessful the name/s will be read at the 2023 Church Conference and, once again, if no one expresses a reason that person should remain a “member,” the person will be removed from active membership.
5. Please note that such action takes into consideration one’s stage of life. College students and others in the early stage of “adulthood” may not have an established place of residence nor a connection and participation in a different church.
6. Persons in late life who may not be able to get out; or who have moved out of necessity to be near family or provision of care will have their circumstance considered.
7. Anyone who has a new church home or for any reasons desires to be removed from active membership is asked to make the request in writing to the church office. That request will be honored.
8. Persons removed by any means can request to re-affirm their intent to be an active member.

WE NEED CONTACT INFORMATION for persons relating to 1st UMC!! Obviously, we are not able to make connection with anyone with a new residence; and landline that “is no longer in service or has been disconnected;” and for whom we have a non-current email address. Our best chance to re-connect is for **FAMILY MEMBERS** to **PROVIDE** contact information. Please provide it in writing!!

My term as Intentional Interim Pastor is scheduled to conclude the end of October. There continues to be some matters we will seek to mend, hem and heal. I’ve been in touch with Superintendent Moody Colorado and other Conference leaders who may have something to say about how 1st UMC proceeds in November. Whenever any information comes in pertaining to that matter we will make it known. Minimally, the best time to be kept abreast of the church ‘news’ is to be present Sunday morning!!

Church Conference

Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the Church Conference, which is equivalent to the “annual meeting!” This meeting is convened by District Superintendent Rev. Moody Colorado. This meeting is the single biggest opportunity you have to express and show your passion for 1st UMC of Tipton. Leadership is doing all they can to be well-prepared. [Everyone is invited and has participation and voice. However, the guidelines of the UMC are such that only “members” are allowed to vote.]

Two comments:

Fantastic response by everyone to provide input for the “Mission and Ministry Plan 2023”!! We had 20 responses which represents over 30 individuals! Your comments, a copy of which is posted in the Gathering Place on the bulletin board, reveal your understanding, experience – and in some cases – realization that the Church is not a pastor or building but that each and every one of YOU ARE The First United Methodist Church. Yes, each of you is either a strong brick... or a chunk of crumbling mortar.

Secondly, the desire was stated that you’d like a pastor; and that you’d prefer the pastor live in Tipton. The low number of pastors coupled with the over-head costs of full-time pastoral leadership suggest it is unlikely to remain a single-point charge. However, still the best way to give Conference leadership the objective message that you are serious about being in vital ministry is to be fiscally responsible; i.e. pay the bills. For some reason you have reduced your giving to the point that 1st UMC is NOT paying all the bills. It’s not because you can’t; it’s because you’ve decided, perhaps subconsciously, that you won’t.

Okay, the past few years have been a challenge. Pastoral leadership has had horrible life-changing circumstances, poor health has changed intentions, and it happens occasionally that a pastor just doesn’t work out for the benefit of the majority of the people. Don’t allow the recent past to define your future!! Besides, C.S. Lewis wrote, following the death of his wife (whose name happened to be Joy !):

**Hardships often prepare ordinary people
for extraordinary destiny.**

As I read the Mission and Ministry survey responses, that thought kept returning. God uses ‘hardships’ to bring about new life and new possibilities. Just think: Easter follows Good Friday; Life comes from death!! God’s not done with us . . . so let’s not act like it!

“The United Methodist Church and Gender”

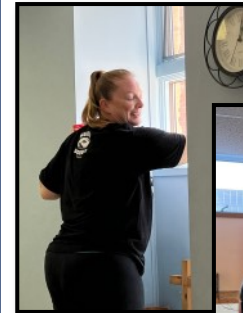
Sunday, October 2 at 2 pm

You may recall that the 2020 General Conference of the UMC was intending to vote on whether or not to be inclusive on LGBTQI basis. That General Conference was postponed due to our friend Covid. It was postponed again; then cancelled and agenda moved to the regularly scheduled 2024 General Conference.

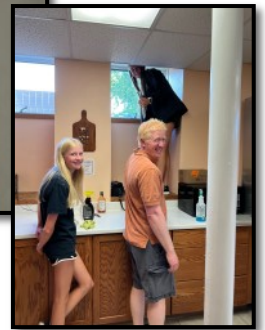
I will be hosting an opportunity to have conversation about the topic. However, I will begin the Forum by sharing my thoughts on the subject, starting with some Bible Study. If you want to be kept up-to-date on these matters, anyone may subscribe to the Annual Conference weekly email newsletter: www.iaumc.org/news Then click on subscribe to emails, which are titled “Weekly 360 News & Events.”

Please! Do Not Touch the Pipes for the Organ.

The pipes are very sensitive and can easily be bumped out of tune. The cost to have the organ retuned is well over \$400.



Cleaning Day 2022



School for Lay Ministry

registration is open for classes beginning in January. Be prepared to serve when the opportunity arises!!

<https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/the-2021-school-for-lay-ministry-registration-is-open-14431057>

A Call to Prayer and Action in Response to Gun Violence

"Thou shall not kill."—Exodus 20:13

We are called as United Methodist Bishops to respond to the devastation and disruption due to gun violence. Communities around the world are traumatized; we are facing a global and national health crisis; and children, families, and communities are left with emotional scars that beg for angels of mercy and the healing balm of Gilead.

The Bible declares in Exodus 20:13 "Thou shall not kill"—yet gun violence continues to escalate. In 2021 and 2022, 43 million more guns were sold in the United States, in addition to the 400 million guns already owned. As of June 2022, the United States has experienced over 300 mass shootings in this year alone.

This is a call to prayer for all who follow Jesus, the Prince of Peace. This is a call to action for all to weep with those who weep and demand, insist on, and push for positive change from our elected officials.

As United Methodists we have made our claim for a more excellent way to live and bring change.

"As followers of Jesus, called to live into the reality of God's dream of shalom as described by Micah, we must address the epidemic of gun violence so 'that he may teach us his ways and the way we may walk in God's paths.' Therefore, we call upon United Methodists to prayerfully address gun violence in their local context."
(Book of Resolution #3428 2016)

This call to prayer is not a shallow request but one that firmly believes that the collective prayers of God's people will keep this issue in the forefront of our consciousness and guide our intentional discernment of the action needed to bring about change.

Bishops of The United Methodist Church



Following is a letter sent out by our current Bishop Laurie Haller at the beginning of September. She has been and remains an amazing grace-filled leader for our Conference. She is a very active and passionate servant of Jesus Christ. Her letter does not describe the depth of her loss due to the fall. She certainly appreciates your prayers as she closes this chapter of her ministry.

Her story may remind you of others, perhaps more familiar and personally close to you, who are also needing a supportive ear; and extension of compassion; and understanding beyond our wisdom. As Galatians 6:2 tells us:

*"Bear one another's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*
Pastor Paul

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Iowa Annual Conference, Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As you are aware, I have been on a six-month medical leave since April 1, 2022. On February 16, I fell on black ice while running outside and sustained a significant concussion as well as a fractured wrist. I am deeply grateful for your prayers and support during this challenging time. The medical leave has given me the opportunity to draw closer to God as well as restore my health and tend to my spirit.

I wish to thank Bishop Deborah Kiesey for her gracious willingness to lead the Iowa and Dakotas Annual Conferences during my recovery. And I am especially grateful for my husband, Gary, who has been my greatest support, companion, and sounding board.

This has been a time of discernment for me. I am writing to let you know that I plan to return to active ministry in the Iowa Annual Conference on October 1 until the end of 2022. At that time, I intend to retire.

Thank you for your prayers over these past six years. Thank you for your gracious spirit. Thank you for the hope that is in you. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,
Bishop Laurie Haller

Missions

Annual Fall Auction and Soup Lunch

Who doesn't love a great auction?! Especially one that benefits our youth. Join us November 13, right after worship, for lunch (donations for lunch will go to College Connections) and right after that at 12 pm the auction will start up in the Gathering Place. (Auction proceeds will go to camp scholarships).

If you have items that you would like to donate, bring them to the church starting October 31. They may be placed in the classroom in the Gathering Place. Watch for more info to come!

Mission Market

The Mission Market will continue to be open through the month of October. If you have extra fall produce you'd like to donate, please bring it to the church. Thanks!



Shared Blessings Could Use Some Help!

If you and a group of your friends would like to help with Shared Blessings, please contact either Heidi Shumaker, Heather Strefling, or the church office. Meal planning is done for you if you would prefer. They would welcome the help!

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Gathering



42nd Annual Mission Ingathering Saturday November 5, 2022

The Purpose of Mission Ingathering is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs.

The 42nd Annual Mission **Ingathering** will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Our purpose is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs. Our times have changed. The methods and means may change. The work of being in mission continues.

A brochure with information about needed kits is available in the breezeway or at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider putting together a kit or two. Follow the instructions precisely as instructed in the brochure (this has been updated since last year). There will be a kit collection box in the Gathering Place or you can bring them on October 30 when we will be dedicating all kits.

www.tiptonumc.org



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

Saturday, Oct. 8
Saturday, Oct. 22
11:00-11:45 am

It's time to start thinking
about the Mission Fall
Lunch and Auction!
November 13
Right after worship!
Watch for more info to come.



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck
Tipton FUMC**

Friday, October 7
West Branch Fire Station
Tuesday, October 18

Questions?

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

Income Eligibility
Guidelines Apply

www.hacap.org

The Wired Word . . .

is one of the adult Sunday school classes that meets at 9 am. Discussions center around the hot topics of the week. All are welcome! This class meets in the Wesley Room and is led by Bob Young.

Sunday Morning GIG

meets at 9 am in room 113 in the Education Wing. All ladies are welcome. This class is led by Kiley Schultz.

Not Sure . . .

if either of these classes are a good fit for you? Think about starting your own GIG. Contact the church office or Pastor Paul for lesson ideas and materials.

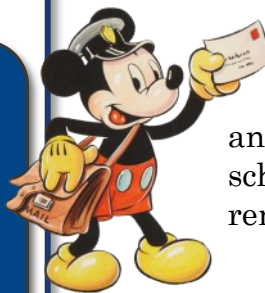
The Upper Room

The Upper Room Devotionals for Sept./Oct. are here. You can pick one up at the back of the church, in the Gathering Place, or in the breezeway.

Church Family Huddle

During the months with a 5th Sunday we will be having a large group Sunday school! This will include everyone in the church! There will be food, fellowship, songs, crafts, lesson, prayers, and more!

The first "Huddle" will be October 30.



Rock Band Youth Group

2nd & 4th Sundays

6:30–7:45 pm (in large Sunday school room)

Next Gathering, October 8

Dusty Johnson is leading a youth group where students will learn how to play Christian Rock music, similar to what Christian Chaos performs. Students will learn how to play guitar, bass, piano, drums, and sing. The group sessions will be focused on learning how to play worship music while also having time for discussion on what it is like being a Christian kid and how we can live as Jesus taught us. Instruments will be provided, but kids can bring their own equipment if they have it.



If this group is for your kid, send an email to jen.dusty@gmail.com with your child's name, age, parent names and cell phone numbers.

The rock youth group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 6:30–7:45 pm. Please let Dusty know if you can help mentor this group.

Abigail Circle

We once again have a women's bible study group! Abigail Circle has once again started meeting. As of right now they will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month. A definite time is yet to be determined however as of now they are meeting at 7 pm in the dining room. You don't have to be a former Abigail Circle member. Everyone is welcome!

College Connections

We Need Your College Students Address!

Do you have a student in college or know of one that would love to hear from their church family? Send their address to Heidi Shumaker or the church office and in return the students will several times during the school year, receive words of encouragement and a small reminder that we are thinking and praying for them.

Join Us For Sunday School!

It All Begins @ 8:45 am

Preschool–1st • 2nd & 3rd • 4th & 5th
6th – 8th • High School

Endowment Funds

It's great to be in a setting in which I have some historical perspective. For example, Sue the Treasurer and I went over some things and then the next day I was looking for some items in the files. I came across a 10 year-old statement of the Foundation accounts. Wow. Time has passed! Here are the Foundation accounts with current value followed by their value in 2012.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2012</u>
Horn Endowment (<i>Christian Education</i>)	\$3,280.93	\$1,845.27
Mitchell Endow. (<i>Scholarships for Christian service; 2 types</i>)	\$50,927.20	\$31,239.06
# Tipton UMC Endow. (<i>30% Missions; 30% Trustees; 40% Ministries</i>)	\$73,786.36	\$2,1196.49
Betty Rickard Endow. (<i>Pastor 'Discretionary'</i>)	\$11,851.69	\$5,188.97
Williams Endow. (<i>Sunday School</i>)	\$19,642.89	\$11,067.63
Phelps Endow. (<i>Music Ministries</i>)	\$9,041.20	\$3,720.87
TOTALS	<u>\$168,530.27</u>	<u>\$74,258.29</u>

The well written guidelines written in 1992 when a contribution by Carroll Mitchell made it possible to dream of a church endowment fund state:

"The Endowment Fund is created and exists solely for charitable purposes... and for non-recurring purposes not regularly budgeted."

The same 1992 guidelines went on to say:

"Our hope is that others will demonstrate stewardship in the growth of this fund to support the missions, ministries and maintenance of our church."

That was 30 years ago when someone had the vision to make provision for the future of 1st UMC. Since then, a fun – and impossible – activity would be to trace the income received from these endowments and the lives affected.

It is also good to remember that Carroll Mitchell did not wait until the end of his life to be generous with the church – so I've been told! He just provided in his estate what he valued and practiced in life.

That is all God expects from anyone, to live generously. One of my mantras is: Don't expect the dead to pay for the ministry of the living. Each of us has resources for which we have faithful responsibility. But as is always the case, responsibility has within it accountability.

Endowment income doesn't and was never intended to remove from you the spiritual benefits of being generous and thinking of others with your financial abilities! In fact stories abound of churches that soon fail or even close after they receive some sort of windfall, whether from an estate that gives funds for "general budget" or even no designation; or from a business deal (like the country church in southern IL whose land, it was discovered, sat on an oil well!); or any other source.

"Don't allow the dead to pay for the ministry of the living!" This is your church. You get to participate to make it what God intends by your "prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness"!

August Financials

August 1 Balance **\$5,915.24**

Income

Contributions \$10,294.83

Expenses

Salaries/Pension/Taxes \$4,990.80
 Utilities – Church/Parsonage \$561.40
 Financial Overhead \$155.00
 Postage \$135.26
 Phone/Internet \$145.74
 Copier Lease \$111.08
 Upper Room/Study Books \$40.79
 Organ Tuning \$414.00
 Lawn Mowing \$120.00
 Worship Supplies \$180.47
 Misc \$4.69

August 31 Balance **\$9,764.84**

Worship Attendance

Aug. 7 – 50, Aug. 14 – 72, Aug. 21 – 74,
 Aug. 28 – 78

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 – Steve Pudinski, Steve Yerington, Thomas & Sara Hembry
- 2 – Brandon Fleming, McKenna O’Leary
- 4 – Jennifer Boedeker, JoAnne Johnston, Chris VanScoy
- 5 – Caleb Shumaker
- 6 – Brad Anderson, Carson Chambliss, Ferris Davis, Lyle Fitch, Brad Wendel
- 7 – Corey Wallick
- 9 – Thomas James, Keith & Carolyn Wood
- 10 – Ryan Stonebraker
- 12 – Rebecca & Seth Boltz
- 13 – Angie Chambliss
- 14 – Jan Esbeck, Jennifer Rinas, Amanda Smith, Brandon Thomas, Levi Daniel, Ayden Crock, Mark & Shellby Wiskus
- 15 – Garrett Fitch, Robyn Nebergall, Corby Swick
- 16 – Avary Calonder, Dave & Trina Hill
- 18 – Kris 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, Alicia Walter, Colette Crock
- 23 – Sommer Daniel
- 24 – Tawnya Johnson
- 26 – Ava Boldt, Beckham Daniel, Dale & Mindy Williams
- 27 – Angela Driscoll, Gideon James
- 28 – Brooke Boedeker, Maggie Bormann, Ginny Cummins, Craig Puffer, Adam Rippentrop
- 31 – Steve Daniel, Adam Davidson, Jeanette Kirkpatrick



Hello, my camp experience this summer was fun. Noah, Sean, and I went to Lake Okoboji for teen week. I had a fun time experiencing ways to be closer to God. We did mountain Boarding, rock wall, hangtime (chill place), lake time, Bible Study with prayers, and all sorts of fun stuff. When I came home, I felt closer to God than before. I really appreciate you all for paying my way to camp.

Thank You,
Anton Slach

Prayers

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Michael Carroll (Greg & Sandy Brown’s son-in-law), Carolyn Wood, Chris Keller, Jean Heil (Brian’s mom), Irene Wood, Glenn Fear, Jo Ann Beers, Nick Brown, Denise Cartwright, Glenn Eaton, Bob Gould, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, half-brother and nephew of Deb Lowry, Randy Nau, Judy Ohrt, Rhonda Waugh

Prayers for Those in Life Transitions:

Keith and Caroline Wood are currently at Keystone Place 1275 W Forevergreen North Liberty, IA 52317

Individuals & Families Experiencing Loss:

In Treatment: Myrna Baird (Lorna Muller’s sister), Norma Snyder (Mary Vang’s sister-in-law), Leroy Clark (Lisa Davies’ dad), Ron Burroughs, Tom Ehresman, Ken Gould, Clara Italiano, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey’s grand-daughter), Chris Ward

Hospice/Palliative Care:

Armed Services: Joseph Battey, Nolan Ohrt, Thomas Brown (Seydel’s son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Corey & Alexa Ormsby, Mike Ploeger & Daniel Larson (McKinney’s nephews), Kaitlyn (McKinney) & Nick Brisbin, Jacob Ketelsen

Community Events



Pumpkin Fest

Wednesday, October 26
6–7:30 pm

Tipton Courthouse Lawn

Free Activities and Food

Pumpkins & Cookies Will Be Decorated

Hotdogs & Chips Will Be Served

S’mores Will Be Made

Fun To Be Had In The Bouncy House

October Calendar



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

Sunday, October 2

2 pm The United Methodist Church and Gender

Wednesday, October 5

6 pm SPRC
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6

10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Friday, October 7

3:30–4:30 pm HACAP
Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, October 8

11–11:45 am Shared Blessings

Sunday, October 9

6:30 to 7:45 pm – Youth Group

Tuesday, October 11

6:30 pm Leadership Council

Wednesday, October 12

6:30 pm Trustees
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Thursday, October 13

10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Sunday, October 16

2 pm All-Church Conference
3 pm SPRC

Monday, October 17

6:30 pm Missions

Tuesday, October 18

2 pm Worship at Prairie Hills

Wednesday, October 19

Newsletter Deadline
6:30 pm LFP Board Meeting
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Thursday, October 20

10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Saturday, October 22

11:00–11:45 am Shared Blessings

Sunday October 23

6:30 pm Youth Group

Wednesday, October 26

8 am Holy Folders
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Thursday, October 27

10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Sunday, October 30

9 am Church Family Huddle
10 am Confirmation



**Can't Make Worship?
Visit the Website.**

Worship 

To watch the live service, or Sunday worship services are posted at: tiptonumc.org. To watch live on Sunday morning (10:00am), or the most recent service (available until the following Saturday), visit the church website at tiptonumc.org and click on the 'Join Us Via Livestream' link on the left side under the logo (or under the logo on your mobile phone). You can also click the WorshipLIVE icon on the front page. To view archived services, click the Worship menu and select 'Worship Videos'. Or use this link: <https://tiptonumc.org/worship-videos/>

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October Worship

October 2 – Communion

Bible: Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7

Music: Keyboards, everyone sings

Theme: “Invest Now!”

October 9 – Baptisms

Bible: 2 Timothy 1:1–14;

Luke 17:5–10

Music: Xn Chaos and YOU!

Theme: “Rekindle the Gifts!”

October 16 – Bibles to Children & anyone else!

Bible: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5;

Luke 18:1–8

Music: Keyboards

Theme: “Reconciliation; Cause
People are Weird!”

October 23

Bible: Joel 2:23–32; Luke 18:9–14

Music: Xn Chaos

Theme: “Let’s Be Honest”

October 30 – All Saints ‘Music’

service; Confirmation;

[Worship preceded by the **first ever**
Church Family Huddle, with
breakfast and activities for all]

Bible: Luke 19:1–10

Music: Lots of music!

Theme: “When You’re Up A Tree”

Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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