

April 19, 2015

NEW BEGINNINGS



Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 am Service

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Paul E. Frederiksen - Pastor

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Karis Horstmann - Administrative Ministries Coordinator

Don Griffith - Custodian

Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Sylvia Gould - Accompanist

Jamie Bahr - Xn Chaos Keyboard

Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

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Chapter 28 of THE STORY

10:30 a.m.

“New Beginnings”

We're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself or anything like that. If you're new to First, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... or just ask someone!

If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; and children's bulletins on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is go have an usher provide an escort.

In each program is a half-sheet insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service!

Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the dining room, in the lower level, at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

PRELUDE

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are witnesses,

P: to the love God has poured into us.

L: We are witnesses of God's love,

P: sharing it with each person we meet.

L: We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,

P: little children like us, sisters and brothers in God's family.

* PRAISE

“The Day of Resurrection”

No. 303

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF PARDON (unison)

You-Who-Empties-Tombs, we find ourselves running aimlessly, rather than walking with you. We find it easy to love other people, as long as they don't annoy or bother us. We hunger for love and affirmation, yet find it difficult to let others love us for who we are.

Forgive us, God; listen to the whispers of our heart and then sing promises and hope. Grace us with peace, so our hearts can rest in you. Continue to transform us into people who not only proclaim, ‘We are – Easter People!’ but also live it in the world. As sisters & brothers of the Risen Christ. [moments of silent prayer]

L: Together let us proclaim:

Not everything has been revealed to us, but this we do know: as God's children, we are blessed, we are loved, we are forgiven. Our lives are being transformed by the abundant mercy given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S LESSON Gail Fleming
JOYS AND CONCERNS... and the Power of Persistent Intercession!
Call to Prayer "Standing In the Need of Prayer" (refrain) No. 352
Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer
(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

ACT OF PRAISE "Go Ye Into All the World" Chancel Choir

* A STORY OF "A New Beginning" 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

MESSAGE PASTOR EDGAR ELLIOTT SPE-
CIAL MUSIC "Every Eye"

GIVING TITHES and OFFERINGS
THE OFFERTORY "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door" Chancel Choir
(The ushers will bring the offering forward during the prayer.)

* A PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)
Holy God, you have given us this gift of life, and our many possessions. Do not allow pride to diminish and make light of the offering we have joyfully and faithfully put in your plate. In the name of Jesus – who died thirsty, hungry, alone... and for us. Amen.

* SENDING FORTH
L: We're children of God; we're welcomed and claimed.
P: We're given new birth, renewed and renamed.
L: We offer forgiveness, seek justice and peace,
P: And reach out to others, that love may increase.
L: We are..... **EASTER PEOPLE!!**

* MARCHING SONG "Grace Alone" No. 2162

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We'll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week
Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.

POSTLUDE
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THANKS to Pastor Ed Elliott for being with us today and to Gail Fleming for serving as worship leader. Prayers invited for Pastor Paul and Jane as they spend some time way for renewal and relaxation.

Today's Sunday Servants:

Liturgists: Lorna Muller; Acolytes: Levi Daniel & Davis Webb; Power Point: Carmen Hoffman Create & Run; Nursery: Roberta Gesling; Ushers: Bob & Barb Rickard, Max & Judy Keller; Fellowship Coffee: Judy Ohrt, Max & Judy Keller, Gail Fleming; Greeters: Larry & Berrie Glick; Children's Lesson: Gail Fleming

April 26 Sunday Servants:

Liturgists: Ron Salmonson; Acolytes: Zoe Stonebraker & Margaret O'Leary; Power Point: Trina Hill Create & Run; Nursery: Rhonda Waugh; Ushers: Bob & Barb Rickard, Max & Judy Keller; Fellowship Coffee: Stonebrakers; Greeters: Max & Judy Keller; Children's Lesson: Dusty Johnson

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Keith Wood @ St. Luke's
Judy Keller @ Mercy-IC

Healing: Phyllis Behrens, Wanda Berner, Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Jerry Ferguson, Berrie Glick, Sean Hannes, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Calvin Kuehl, Ted Licht, Erma Lyle, Gerry Reeve, Kiaya Rickard-Urban, Erica Shumaker, Ray Steinberg, Gary Taylor, Alberta Wagaman, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Peace, strength and healing prayers invited for Ike Ward, now resident of Mechanicsville Care Center. Family & friends of Don Young who died April 15. Griffin Tauke (2nd gr) No. Liberty & Carsten Kime (Tipton 1st gr) & families as these little guys face cancer
Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions
Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.
Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.
Couples/Families searching for the way forward.
Persons & families of incarceration;
Persons in employment limbo;
In Treatment: Wally Reidel, Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis), Melissa Bliss(wife of D. Cartwright's nephew),
Hospice/Palliative Care: Connie Back(Roberta Gesling's mom), Esther Burns (Patti Seydel's mom), Wayne Eisele (Mike's father, in W'loo), Elmer Flory, Mabel Lamp, Henry Wiskus,
Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby

Attendance: 122, Sunday School 69, General Fund \$2166.00, Miracle Sunday \$10.00, Shared Blessings \$5.00, Mission Work Trip \$75.00, Copper Kettle \$35.59, Easter Pool \$200.00, Grand Total \$2491.59

This Week:

Sun. 4/19: Work Trip Deadline, Pastor on Vacation, 8:30am Choir Kids (Sanctuary), 9:00am Sunday School (All Ages), 10:30am Worship

Mon. 4/20: Pastor on Vacation, 6:45 Creative Worship

Wed. 4/22: Meeting of the Holy Folders, 10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study, 1:15 Confirmation, 1:30 Bible Study (WR), 6:00pm GIG (113), 6:00pm GIG (Johnson's), 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Thurs. 4/23: 10:00am GIG (113), 12:00 Grief Grp Reunion @ TBecks, 6:30 Xn Chaos, 7:00Priscilla Circle (Dr/K)

Fri. 4/24: 10:00am Disciple Training-CR

Sat. 4/25: 8:30am Mission Leader Training (GP), 10:00am Disciple Training-CR, 11:00am Shared Blessings Meal (DR/K)

Sun. 4/26: 8:30am Choir Kids (Sanctuary), 9:00am Sunday School (All Ages), 10:30am Worship, 11:30am Rummage Sale Set Up, 11:30am Work Trip Orientation.

Church Women United "The Bad Women of the Bible", May Fellowship Day Luncheon !st UCC Tipton, Make reservations by Apr. 28 by contacting Lois Salmonson 886-2315 or the church office. \$6.00 @ the door.