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# United Methodist News

May 2016

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Sunday, May 22, the 2016 graduating high school seniors from our church will be recognized during worship, and will be honored afterwards at a reception. We've listed the people below who we think are graduating, but please contact the office if there are others. "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor" Luke 2:52.



**Maggie Bormann**, daughter of Randy and Mary Bormann

**Kristen Charette**, daughter of Deb Conant & Allan Charette

**Alek Comstock**, son of Jennifer & Aaron Comstock

**Steven Eiler**, son of Linda Boots

**Christopher McKinney**, son of Mary & Jeff McKinney

**Garrett Nau**, son of Tina and Randy Nau

**Griffin Ormsby**, son of Jeff and Traci Ormsby

**Cameron Wallick**, son of Diane and Jeff Wallick

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

**Kellie Rouse** graduates from Morningside College May 14. Yea Mustangs!

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go."

- Dr. Seuss



Sunday April 3rd the morning worship service was led by the Sunday School classes. They read the scripture, presented a skit and shared a couple of songs. One being "This Little Light Of Mine".



*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

# Paul's Ponderings

The Boston marathon is just two days away as I write this. I have an article in front of me, “*2 Things We Need to Become Spiritually Fit*” from the website Ministry Matters. It is unlikely that I’ll ever discover these two truths by actually running a marathon, so I’ve decided to read the article. The author claims we can learn about being spiritually fit by what it takes to be marathon fit:

1. As runners advance they take advantage of water stations along the route. Even before they “feel like it,” runners take in water. (I would say once they feel like they “need” water it may be too late?! pf)

In the same way, if we are to “run the race set before us” we need to hydrate occasionally along the route.

At home devotions/Bible Study, intentional daily prayer, Christian conversation, these are all important for the race. It’s a long one!

2. But it’s more than water; distance runners need sustained nutrition. It’s a package of food, exercise, sleep, training regimen, etc.

Applying this to spiritual formation, this part of our preparation includes personal & social holiness, use of spiritual disciplines, and food, exercise and sleep/Sabbath just as a “runner” does! And most runners will point to the importance of supportive community to encourage or, if necessary or requested, to run

alongside.

See you Sunday at worship, alongside one another. YOU may not “need” it, but the person next to you may be starving for it.

It’s been kind of a rough month here at Tipton. Karis has another job. I will be appointed to the Spencer Grace UMC the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. As if that weren’t enough “change,” one of the Tipton HS athletes decided to enroll at a different school!

Thomas More coined the word *Utopia* in 1516 to describe a perfect society on a fictional island in the Atlantic Ocean. *Utopia* in Latin means “not a place.” There is no perfect church; school; team; town.

There has never been and there never will be *Utopia*. (Though, as Christians, there’s a sense that we’re working that direction and, by the grace of God, will get closer every day!) There is no perfect congregation (nor pastor!), just the ones we have, full of imperfect people that God loves and calls to be the Church.

It’s been great to be part of your quest to make the best of this church and community. One of the things I discovered long ago in life is that it is impossible to “run away” to a place of satisfaction. One can only be called forth. I do not leave to escape; but so that this church and Jane and myself can attain to still higher faithfulness and fulfillment.

*Pastor Paul*

## End-of-the-Year Picnic for families of Little Friends Preschool AND

### Tipton 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church

Serving 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. May 25, hot dogs, beans, chips, lemonade/water & dessert.

The 2015-2016 Little Friends Preschool (LFP) students will present a brief program around 6:00 p.m.

Watch the Sunday Registrations for ways you might assist. We’ll also be offering a sign-up so we know roughly how many people from the church will be attending.

This is a great way to celebrate the conclusion of our first year of operation under your ownership! The picnic is also a great way for the church to live out our mission and the mission of LFP.



Striving to be a community that shows the value of all children, we will provide a meaningful introduction to Christian values while offering a space for learning, creativity and fun.

We offer parents a sense of community, raising children together.

# Missions

## Rummage Sale – May 6 & 7

### SALE HOURS

Friday, May 6, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Saturday, May 7, 8:00 – 11:00 am  
Bag sale – all day Saturday - \$2 per bag

**DONATIONS** may be brought to the church any time after Sunday, April 24. If you can wait until Sunday, May 1, to bring larger items (i.e. furniture), that'd be helpful. **The deadline to bring donations for the sale is Tuesday, May 3.** All items must be clean and "like new" or "gently used". This year, we are NOT accepting large, old TVs – sorry, there's little demand and it's hard to get rid of them after the sale.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

A sign-up sheet for the various responsibilities is posted on the breezeway door. Just show up any time you're able to help out.

### SET UP SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, May 3:** 4:00–8:00 pm – begin setting up for the sale

**Wednesday, May 4:** 8:00 am – 1:00 pm and 4:00–8:00 pm

**Thursday, May 5:** 8:00 am – until done

### CLEAN UP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 am

Clean-up will be done immediately after the sale. If you have a truck or van and are willing to haul a load to Goodwill or another charitable organization, please sign up to help out. Usually 5-6 vehicles are needed to haul everything away. Depending on the amount of unsold items, we may also take the church bus.

THANKS in advance for your support of this event. Your donations, assistance with the rummage sale, and/or stopping by to shop are all appreciated. Money raised will go to support our annual work trips.



### Prayer Bear Ministry

Have you noticed the stuffed animals in the pew near the pulpit? Each of the animals has a prayer attached to it. If you know of someone who could use some extra TLC, please read the prayer and give them a huggable, stuffed animal to remind them of God's love. "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)



## Missions Work Trip

### July 18-22

The Missions team will be working July 18-22 in Detroit, Michigan. Plans still need to be finalized but we anticipate leaving Sunday, July 17 and returning home on Saturday, July 23.

**Interested?** We are accepting registration materials until May 8. Anyone (16 and above) intending to participate in this work experience needs to complete a registration form and turn it in to the church office with a \$100 registration fee.

Registration forms are available in the Gathering Place or church office.

**Questions?** Contact Renee Mente, anyone else on the Missions Team, or the church office.

### Shared Blessings



### Community Meal

Please consider signing up as an individual or if you are a part of a group, get your GIG, Sunday School class, circle, youth group, etc. to sign up for a day this summer. A couple dates are still open including July 9 and July 23. The sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Place. We need people to prepare and serve the meals and bus drivers. Thank you in advance for your willingness to make a difference in our community.

# Youth News

## VBS Sneak Peek

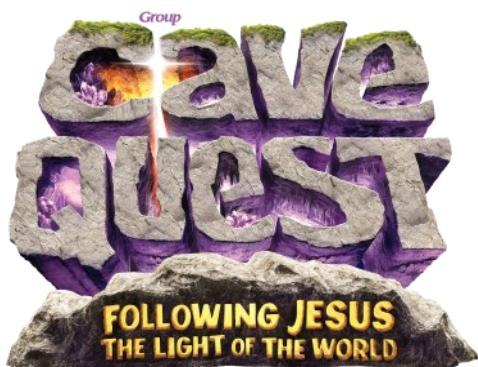
Plan to attend the last day of Sunday School for this year on May 22. We will be having our VBS Sneak Peek! We will be announcing our mission project and will enjoy snacks, games, and of course some fun and messy crafts! Be sure to turn in your registration form at Sneak Peek or before so you will be in the drawing for a prize! Register in advance in the church office or online at <http://tinyurl.com/TiptonVBS2016>. There are also super fun prizes to be drawn at VBS for those who register by July 1. So, there are two chances to win!

CDs of VBS music will be for sale at Sneak Peek as well!

The noisy offering in church May 22 will be going towards the VBS mission project.

Be sure to attend this fun event during the Sunday School hour, and have your forms turned in! Questions? Contact Jen Johnson or Bobbie Lieser.

More VBS information on the “Faith in Action” page.



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## Youth Group News!

Our final meeting of the school year is May 4 from 5:30 to 8:00! This meeting's meal will be a little different... so plan to attend and see what we have in store for you! After the fun meal we will be playing games outside if the weather cooperates! Also we will be discussing what we plan to do over the summer, so bring your ideas for fun activities and we will make a game plan and get a schedule out to parents for the summer!

## Collision: Collide With Christ!

What a fun event our youth got to be part of in Cedar Rapids on April 10. We were invited with 6 other churches from the area for an afternoon of capture the flag, worship, music, food, and a mission project. The kids made hundreds of bags of grooming supplies to distribute to the homeless and needy in our area. Our youth will have them available at Shared Blessings and also the food pantry. Seven youth were able to attend, and we are looking forward to the next one in the fall where we plan to jump away at SkyZone!



## SUMMER CHURCH CAMP SEASON!!

More information available from church office or  
[www.picturedrocks.org](http://www.picturedrocks.org); 319-465-4194  
picturedrocks.camp@iaumc.org



# Discipleship Pathway

## Small Group Community

Small groups for discipleship are not new; they've been around for many centuries. And yet, our need for a group as a catalyst for spiritual growth has not changed. Read the portion of an article from umc.org reprinted below. It describes the purpose of small groups at the start of the Methodist movement. Does it sound like something you need? Does it sound like something you're already in? At 1<sup>st</sup> UMC-Tipton, groups are mostly known as GIGs, short for Growth and Impact Groups. If you're not in one yet, contact the church office to find one. If you are in one, consider how much your group looks like groups started by John Wesley. If your group needs to be tweaked, talk it over with your members and make some changes. May God bless us as we seek to be Deeply Rooted, Branching Out, and Bearing Fruit.

John Wesley (1703-1791), founder of the Methodist movement, succinctly described the plan of discipleship in what he called The General Rules. As Christians, we are to (1) do no harm by avoiding evil of every kind; (2) do good to all people; and (3) attend upon all the ordinances of God like participating in worship, taking Communion, reading the Bible, praying, and more.

Unfortunately, knowing that does not always translate into living it.

The Apostle Paul understood the struggle. In Romans 7:15 he wrote, "I don't know what I'm doing, because I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate" (CEB). I get that! So did John Wesley.

While trying to pay off a mortgage incurred when the Methodist movement purchased a building where they would hold Society meetings, Wesley and the other leaders came up with an ingenious plan. They divided the Society into "classes" of about 12 people each where one was designated the leader. The leader's job was to meet with each member weekly to collect a penny.

Wesley would later describe what the leaders learned during their visits. One member was "quarreling with his wife. Another was found in drink." Clearly, the early Methodists knew the General Rules, but were struggling to follow them.

"It immediately struck into Mr. Wesley's mind," Wesley wrote about himself, "This is the very thing we wanted. The *leaders* are the persons who may not only receive the contributions, but also watch over the souls of their brethren" (Wesley "Thoughts upon Methodism").

Soon, the Classes started meeting together to "watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation".

The weekly Class Meetings had a singular purpose. Each person was asked to answer this question, "How does your soul prosper?" Today, we might say, "How is your spiritual life?"

As people's lives were changed, the Class Meeting ministry model began to spread across England, and later across what would become the United States.

[www.umc.org/what-we-believe/disciples-making-disciples-life-transforming-small-groups](http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/disciples-making-disciples-life-transforming-small-groups)



During the Leaving a Legacy Financial Campaign, we've used the song "Find Us Faithful" by Jon Mohr, made popular by Steve Green. Read the text of the song below and consider the footprints of the legacy you are leaving.

### Find Us Faithful

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road  
And those who've gone before us line the way  
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary  
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses

Let us run the race not only for the prize  
But as those who've gone before us  
Let us leave to those behind us  
The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives

### CHORUS:

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful  
May the fire of our devotion light their way  
May the footprints that we leave  
Lead them to believe  
And the lives we live inspire them to obey  
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone  
And our children sift through all we've left behind  
May the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover  
Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find

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# Neighbors & Disciples

When Pastor Paul and Jane are on vacation on-call pastors will be available to provide services if and as needed. If you have a need or know of someone with a need, you may contact the office M-F mornings and that person will make an appropriate contact. Outside of office hours, you may contact one of the Lay Leaders, Kathy Houstman (886-6239) or Ron Salmonson (886-2315) and they will determine with you the best way to address the situation.



One of the projects the Trustees hope to accomplish with Leaving A Legacy funds is replacement of the breezeway doors. Current doors are too heavy and dangerous for many preschool children. They're also not handicapped-accessible.

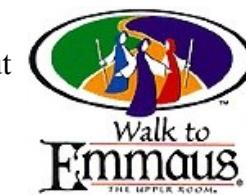
## WALK TO EMMAUS

A Free Gift for Yourself and Those You Care About

If you want more information you may do an internet search, go to [www.cedarrapidsemmaus.org](http://www.cedarrapidsemmaus.org) or talk to Pastor Paul.

July 14-17  
July 28-31  
October 20-23  
November 3-6

Men's Walk #169  
Women's Walk #170  
Men's Walk #171  
Women's Walk #172



Mt. Pleasant  
Mt. Pleasant  
Solon  
Solon

*For the LORD is good  
and his love endures  
forever; his faithfulness  
continues from  
generation to  
generation.*

-Psalm 100:5

## Member News

What a beautiful addition to the Gathering Place. The **FIREPLACE** will provide a setting for intimate, life-transforming conversations for years and years to come. The concept was ‘conversational’ for years until Carol Maxwell asked that the Richard Lehmeier memorial funds be designated for a fireplace. That set some wheels actually turning. When Gail Fleming heard of the concept, she gave some memorial funds in memory of her mother, Alice Anderson. Then Jerry, Connie and Chris said that would be a very fitting memorial to their mom and dad, Max and Judy Keller.

Cheryl Person and Jane Moen did the work of design and coordination with Kofron Builders and Michael Thomas of Thomas Heating & Air. Years ago Brian Heil had strung some cables so “some day we can hook up the TV that will be over the fireplace.” He did all the electronic finagling for the installation and purchase of equipment. That equipment was purchased from the Edie Ford/Leaving A Legacy funds, the 15% portion that is being used at the discretion of the Leadership Council. It was fun seeing the excitement in the children last Sunday!! NOT so exciting to know that a number of them are now thinking they can ‘go to worship’ in the Gathering Place, and sit in comfy chairs...

While there is the possibility of nicer bookshelves being made and installed, the fireplace is really the capstone of a 9-year dream of taking a room that was mostly useless and making it one of purpose, comfort, welcome and ministry. Once again I must note the great work done in 2006 by the Long-Term Facilities Task Force. This group composed of Glenn Eaton, Brad Kirkpatrick, Ken McKay and Barb Rickard did a marvelous job of taking the bird’s-eye view, thinking outside the box, conceiving the possibilities, giving us a map for the way forward. Not only has this been a tremendous work of God, I believe we have been faithful to put this church in position to be an important participant in God’s work in this community.



**Deaths:** The peace of Christ to the families of:

**Henry Wiskus** died April 13; his funeral was April 18. Son Mark & (Shellby) are members of 1st UMC as are Henry’s granddaughter Jennifer (& Michael) Rausch and their children.

**Grace Nichols**, mother of Jennifer Comstock died April 15. Jennifer & Aaron have few family members... so the 1st UMC “family” is about it!

### Hospitalized?

Please be aware that hospitals no longer make contact with your local church. (Mercy-IC has a chaplain’s department willing to make that call if requested by the patient or family.) Your pastor is willing to make hospital visits; and we have some lay people willing to be health ministers, but you will not see either one if we do not know you are there.

Also, the church cannot provide care on the basis of “I read it on Facebook.” That’s just too closely related to gossip! If you read something on Facebook, check it out; then if caring ministry is needed and welcome, contact the church office. And if you wish a pastoral visit, just ask; don’t put it “out there” and expect the invite to be mysteriously delivered.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** will be in the Gathering Place the 15 Sundays of ‘summer.’ Materials for hosting will be in the kitchenette. There will be some tables & chairs, though it is hoped people roam and mingle – perhaps more than when we roost at tables with well-known friends. It may also be easier to invite and accompany new people to the Gathering Place than to the basement dining room.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 – Larry Glick, Keith Wood
- 3 – Pat Christensen, Lucas Lieser, Justin Martin
- 4 – Dave Hill
- 5 – Christine Boeve, Steven Miles
- 6 – Brett Eggert, Kathy Houstman, Nate & Katie Shaull
- 7 – Rebecca Boltz, Mary Bormann, Connie Smith
- 9 – Alec Amosson, Davis Butler, Alicia Geary, Kim Walter
- 10 – Kenadie Behne, Phyllis Behrens, Alvin Wright
- 11 – Steve Eiler, Neva Harper, Travis & Camille Person
- 15 – Gail Fleming, Brian and Amanda Schmidt
- 16 – Randy Amosson, Randy Behne, Curtis Smith, Robert Wood
- 17 – Lucas Yerington, Becky Young
- 18 – Kaylee Driscoll, Ruel Wehde
- 19 – Delores Creque, Jane Moen, Amber Rogers, Linda Huff
- 20 – Don Griffith, Chris & Angie Keller
- 21 – Patricia Fankhauser, Laura Hembry
- 22 – Emily Beers
- 23 – Nathen Anderson, Brian Boedeker
- 24 – Kenzie Mente, Jason & Kim Walter
- 25 – Annette Lukemyres, Katie Neville, Ronald & Sally Ahrens, Paul Frederiksen & Jane Moen
- 27 – Steven Licht, Ashley Neville, Merlyn Timm, Will Williams, Jennifer Wiskus-Rausch
- 28 – Savannah Brown, Bailey Roth, Ethan Wulf, J & Roberta Gesling, Kevin & Elizabeth Houstman
- 29 – Kelly Huston

(Please contact the church office for additions and/or corrections.)



*For everything that was written in  
the past was written to teach us, so  
that through the endurance  
taught in the Scriptures and the  
encouragement  
they provide  
we might have  
hope.  
-Romans 15:4*

## Presence & Gifts from March

**Worship Attendance:** 6–98, 13–94, 20–134, 27 (7am)– 51, (10:30) –140, Good Friday 44 Average: 129

**Sunday School Attendance:** 6–57, 13–61, 20–70, 27–45 : Average: 58

**General Fund:** **\$11,199.06**, Apportionments \$110.00, Leaving A Legacy \$4,610.00, GIG Books \$41.00, Shared Blessings \$149.80, LFP Salary \$886.32, Missions \$75.00, Missions—One Great Hour \$50.00, Copper Kettle \$193.10, Easter Pool \$859.00, Missions Easter Breakfast \$263.00, UMCOR \$10.00, **Grand Total \$18,446.28**

## Prayers

**Healing:** Jerry Ferguson, Marvin/Frances Ford, Donna Gault, Arlene Hein, Dale Hein, Linda Huff, Rex Idlewine, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh and others under care or treatment.

### Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Chuck Draper(regular guest at Shared Blessings)

@Manor Care in CR

Aaron/Jennifer Comstock family & the myriad decisions in this ‘wilderness.’ And now as they grieve the death of Jennifer’s mother, Grace Nichols.

Family of Colin Tesdall (Jack Cartwright’s cousin) as they grieve his sudden death.

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration;

Persons in employment limbo;

Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Persons uprooted due to “natural” and/or “human” disaster; and those who are called to help.

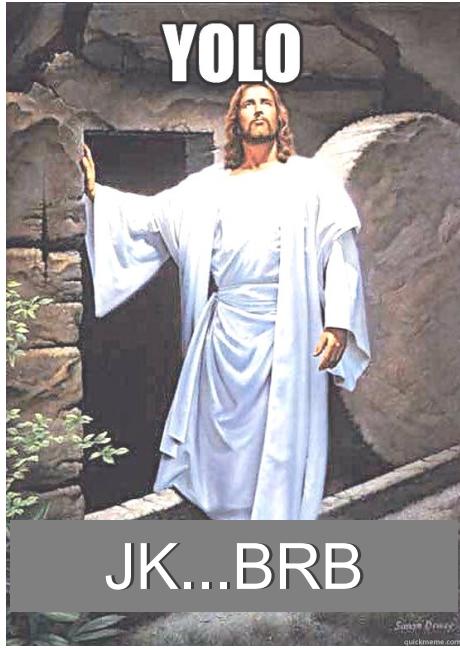
Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

**In Treatment:** Gary Kline, Linda (Kay Miller’s sis), Dan Conrad, Rod Ferris

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Mabel Lamp, Ray Penningroth (M. Stonerook’s bro);

**Armed Services:** Thomas Brown (Seydel’s son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul (Nicole Royer’s fiancee’)

# Faith In Action



If you don't understand the cartoon, show it to someone in high school or younger. Then invite them to attend or help with Vacation Bible School (information at right).

Another project the Trustees would like to work on is the concrete in the back (west side) of the building where most of our handicapped parking spaces are located. The concrete is cracked in several places causing tripping hazards. In addition, the picture below shows the current "ramp" for the closest parking stall. Fifty percent of the Leaving A Legacy funds will be used by the Trustees to continue to maintain a property that can be safely used to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world". You can donate online at [tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org). Just click the red "Give Now" button in the upper-right corner. For more information, contact the church office, or Dusty Johnson ([jen.dusty@gmail.com](mailto:jen.dusty@gmail.com)).



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## Tipton UMC Hosts Vacation Bible School this July

### Cave Quest

Join us July 25 to 27 for Tipton Community VBS, each night from 6-8 pm. Meals are served before VBS from 5:00 to 5:45 each night. The first night's meal is free, other nights are \$3/person or \$10/family for the meal. This year the VBS registration fee will be \$5/child again. We are looking forward to hosting this year, which mean around 175 children plus many adults and youth volunteers will have our church filled and full of fun! So please if you are able, we would love volunteers! Volunteers are the ones who keep this event safe and fun for everyone.

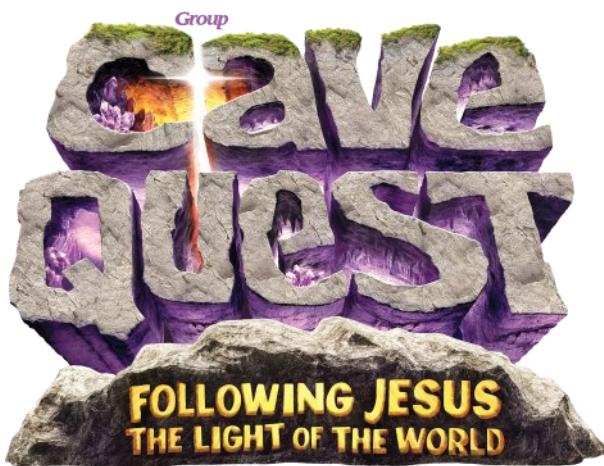
There are many ways volunteers help children have a great experience:

decorating, cleaning before and after...the list goes on and on of things we need help with to make this great! Again this year a t-shirt will be provided to volunteers to wear during VBS, and also a staffed nursery for volunteers with younger children. As soon as the list is ready, there will be a link posted at our church website of items needed for VBS. Getting these donations is what makes this an affordable event for families. So thank you for your help in the past and we expect great support again this year!

Signup can be done with the form in your newsletter, or online using the link included on UMC's homepage ([tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org))! If you register online, please mail in or drop off your check at the church office.

VBS will include the same stations as in the past with a fun theme of exploring caves!

Please contact Bobbie Lieser ([blieser@gmail.com](mailto:blieser@gmail.com)) or Jen Johnson ([johnson.jen.81@gmail.com](mailto:johnson.jen.81@gmail.com)) with any questions.



# May Sunday Servants

# Worship in May

## Liturgists Twyla Hein - Coordinator

8 – Becky Young  
15 – Dusty Johnson  
22 – Lorna Muller  
29 – Barb Rickard

## Power Point Becky Young - Coordinator

1 – Brian Heil  
8 – Carmen Hoffman  
15 – Alec Heil  
22 – Trina Hill  
29 – Ken McKay create, Chris McKinney run

## Fellowship Coffee Barb R. & Dixie M.-Coordinator

1 – Kim Cross & Twyla Hein, Kris Clark  
8 – Bob & Becky Young, Ron & Laura Hembry  
15 – Judy Ohrt & Lin Hannes  
22 – Graduate Recognition Sunday  
29 – Marvin & Kay Miller, Steve & Cheryl Person

## Greeters Becky Young - Coordinator

1 – Brad & Jeannette Kirkpatrick  
8 – Glenn & Ellen Fear  
15 – Ken & Lorna Muller  
22 – Ron & Lois Salmonson  
29 – Duane Webb family

## Nursery Office - Coordinator

1 – Penny, Laura and Sara Webb  
8 – Volunteer Needed  
15 – Alec & MJ Heil  
22 – Kris Clark  
29 – Pat Fankhauser

## Children's Lesson Office - Coordinator

8 – Bob Young  
15 – Dusty Johnson  
22 – Pastor Paul  
29 – Kris Clark

## Ushers Melinda Stonebraker - Coordinator

1 – Thursday Morning GIG  
8 – Rosalyn Hill & Gary Eichhorn, Thurs. GIG  
15 – Thursday Morning GIG  
22 – Rosalyn Hill & Gary Eichhorn, Thurs. GIG  
29 – Thursday Morning GIG

## Communion Stewards Donna Gault - Coordinator

1 – JoAnn Beers

## Acolytes Kim Walter - Coordinator

1 – Nicholas Eicher & Adam Heil  
8 – Owen Steinman & Lea Stonebraker  
15 – Margaret O'Leary & Ava Boldt  
22 – Colbie Schultz & Alicia Walter  
29 – Volunteers

**WORSHIP** – Through the summer Sunday worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. This 9:30 a.m. start time will run from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, from May 29 thru September 4. Chaos will be providing music the second Sunday of each month. Chancel Choir will sing the third Sunday. It is preferred to have “special” Acts of Praise every Sunday. Get out there and start asking people to be a blessing!

**May 1** Communion; Jesus’ Farewell Discourse

**Scripture:** John 12-17

**Music:** Chancel Choir, Keyboards

**May 8** Mothers’ Day; The Arrest, Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus

**Scripture:** John 18 & 19

**Music:** Christian Chaos, Choir Kids

**May 15** **Pentecost** (wear RED!) Baptisms(?) and New Member Recognition

**Scripture:** John 20 & 21

**Music:** Chancel Choir and Keyboards

**May 22** HS Graduate recognition

**Scripture:** Romans 5:1-5

**Music:** Choir Kids, Christian Chaos

**May 29** **9:30 am**

Memorial Weekend, Communion  
(no communion in June)

**Scripture:** Galatians 1:1-12

**Music:** Keyboards, Chancel Choir (Possibility of the instrumental band)

## **NURSERY** in the **SUMMER Schedule**:

We have a goal of offering a nursery during worship these summer months. There are 15 Sundays from May 29 – September 4. It would only take 30 people to staff the nursery once each, two-per Sunday. To volunteer, contact the church office.

**Worship in June** will be a **treat**. June 5 Mike Herring is going to be here to relate what God is doing in the country of Liberia. If he’s available his friend Harrison, a native of Liberia now living in Cedar Rapids, will be with him. Then on June 12 a gifted, fantastically engaging guest preacher is coming. Momodu Kamara is a member of Salem UMC in Cedar Rapids and has plenty of stories of the great work of Jesus Christ in the world today!

# May Calendar

## Sunday, May 1

Accepting Rummage Items  
8:30 am Choir Kids  
9:00 am Sunday School/GIGs  
10:30 am Worship  
11:35 am Rummage Sale Set

## Monday, May 2

Accepting Rummage Items  
10:30 am Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Prairie Hills Program-Legal & Financial Planning  
6:45 pm Missions Meeting

## Tuesday, May 3

Accepting Rummage Items  
4:00-8:00 pm Set Up for Rummage Sale  
4:00-8:00 pm Set up for Rummage Sale

## Wednesday, May 4

Accepting Rummage Items  
8:00-1:00 pm Set up Rummage Sale  
1:00 pm GIG  
4:00 pm-8:00 pm Set up Rummage Sale  
4:00 pm LFP Board Meeting  
5:30 pm Youth Group  
6:00 pm GIG  
6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, May 5

Accepting Rummage Items  
8:00-1:00 pm Rummage Sale Set up if needed  
9:30 am Communion @ Cedar Manor or  
10:00 am GIG  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Practice

## Friday, May 6

9:00 am-4:00 pm Missions Rummage Sale

## Saturday, May 7

8:00-11:00 am Missions Rummage Sale  
11:00 am Rummage Sale Cleanup

## Sunday, May 8

Mission Trip Registration Deadline  
8:30 am Choir Kids  
9:00 am Sunday School/GIGs  
10:30 am Worship  
3:00 pm Cedar Manor Worship

## Monday, May 9

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Practice

## Wednesday, May 11

1:00 pm GIG  
1:30 pm Bible Study  
6:00 pm GIG  
6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir Practice  
7:30 pm Leadership Council

## Thursday, May 12

10:00 am GIG

## Saturday, May 14

11:00 am Shared Blessings  
1:30 pm Groundbreaking and Open House @ Cedar Manor

## Sunday, May 15

Pentecost Sunday  
8:30 am Choir Kids  
9:00 am Sunday School/GIGs  
10:30 am Worship  
1:00-9:00 pm PEO

## Monday, May 16

4:30 pm Grief Group

## Wednesday, May 18

Newsletter Articles Due  
1:00 pm GIG  
6:00 pm GIG  
6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir Practice  
8:00 pm Abigail Circle

## Thursday, May 19

10:00 am GIG  
12:00 pm TMA  
6:30 pm Trustees  
6:30 pm Girl Scout Trp 5302  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Practice

## Friday, May 20

3:30 pm Girl Scout Trp 2166

## Sunday, May 22

Last Day Of Sunday School/Sneak Peek VBS  
High School Graduate Recognition Sunday  
8:30 am Choir Kids  
9:00 am Sunday School/GIGS  
9:00 am Sneak Peek VBS  
10:30 am Worship

## Monday, May 23

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Practice

## Tuesday, May 24

9:00 am Pastor @ Cluster  
2:00 pm Prairie Hills Program

## Wednesday, May 25

8:00 am Meeting of the Holy Folders  
1:00 pm GIG  
1:30 pm Bible Study  
5:30 pm Little Friends End-of-Year Picnic  
6:00 pm GIG  
6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, May 26

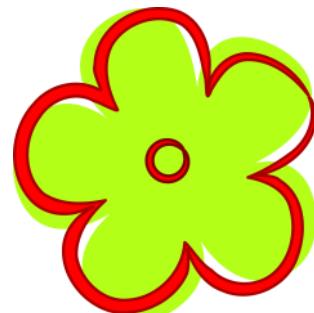
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## Saturday, May 28

11:00 am Shared Blessings

## Sunday, May 29

2:00 pm Tipton Graduation  
9:30 am Worship



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