

August 7, 2016



The Games People Play:
The Game of Life

Mission Statement:
Tipton First United Methodist Church

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9:30 am Service

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Jenny Seylar - Pastor

Melinda Stonebraker - Administrative Ministries Coordinator

Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Sylvia Gould - Accompanist

Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Don Griffith - Custodian

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Jamie Bahr - Xn Chaos Keyboard

Jess Goodenow-Dir. Little Friends

Welcome visitors – *Whether you're here with friends or relatives, or if you're here by a mysterious, guiding hand, **welcome** and 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. 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... help yourself 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 are 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.

*Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal**.*

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 of the building at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

* Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" Dusty Johnson, Trumpet Solo
Lighting of the Candles Ringing of the Bell

WELCOME

GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR

* SONG OF PRAISE "Victory In Jesus" No. 370

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather in anticipation of the preaching of the Good News.

P: In expectation, we acknowledge that the joy of Christ is in our midst.

L: We are God's people, and we have decided to journey with Jesus,

P: So let us worship with an openness that allows the hope and light of the Lord into our lives.

ACT OF PRAISE "Great Is the Lord" Dusty Johnson, Trumpet Solo

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Let us pray: **Almighty God, as I look around this life, I am amazed by its diversity. The richness of life brings with it times of rejoicing, and also times of mourning. We thank you, Lord, for helping us bear the pain of hardship, and for celebrating with us, also. Forgive us when try to go it alone, forgetting to reach out to You for help. Remind us of Your never-ending presence, offering us courage to step out and risk for You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.**

PRAYER SONG "Come and Find the Quiet Center" No. 2128
FROM A CHILD'S POINT OF VIEW (Children's Lesson) Pastor Jenny
(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

* EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

RESPONSE: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“The Game of Life”

Pastor Jenny

HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pgs. 12-14

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

In the name of Christ, all persons are invited to participate in the meal! As you come forward you may place any offerings you might have in the containers which are located at the front toward the outside of the platform.

“People Need the Lord” Dusty Johnson, Trumpet Solo

* PRAYER OF GRATITUDE & DEDICATION (unison)

Let us pray: **Awesome and Loving God, we acknowledge that tears and smiles both permeate our daily life. Please bless these gifts, allowing them to be instrumental in reducing tears of sorrow, while increasing smiles of joy for Your children in this community, and also across the world. Our prayer is this: that all will know the joy and hope that Your love brings the world. Amen.**

* COMMITMENT & BLESSING

Leader: As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving,

People: For in God the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and we have come to fullness in the Lord! Amen!

* SONG OF SENDING

“He Touched Me”

No. 367

* BLESSING & SENDING

L: Thank you, God, for uniting us with You and with all people who need to know Your Son Jesus.

P: Send us forth by Your Spirit to build up one another, to plant seeds of faith, and to work for the welfare of people everywhere. Amen.

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

“My Life is in You”

Dusty Johnson, Trumpet Solo

Note: The church office will be closed on Friday, Aug. 12.

August 7 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers; Liturgist: Pastor Jenny; Ushers: Karen Strefling and Dee Wallace; Greeters: Ron & Dixie Martin; PowerPoint: Brian Heil; Fellowship Coffee: Karen Strefling, Dee Wallace, Rick & Heidi Shumaker; Nursery: Kris Clark; Children's Lesson: Pastor Jenny; Communion Stewards: Heils

August 14 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers; Liturgist: Barb Rickard; Ushers: Ruel & Jan Wehde, Karen Strefling, Dee Wallace; Greeters: Garry O' Leary Family; PowerPoint: Renee Mente; Fellowship Coffee: Bob & Barb Rickard, Mary Vang; Nursery: VOLUNTEER NEEDED; Children's Lesson: Dusty Johnson

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Allan Charette, Thelma Elijah (Jerry's mom), Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Donna Gault, Richard Graff (Bruce's dad), Arlene Hein, Nicholas Howell (Tipton 9th grader), Rex Idlewine, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, Steve (Mary McKinney's bro), Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Mike Smith, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), Verla (Kandi Graff's aunt) and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

For smooth adoption proceedings for Megan & Emily Graff (Bruce & Kandi's g'children)

Aaron/Jennifer Comstock family & the myriad decisions in this 'wilderness.'

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: Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN, Mabel Lamp, Steve Neuhaus (Judy Rouse's cousin),

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

Sympathy: Steve Neuhaus (Judy Rouse's cousin) passed away on 8/1/16

Sheryl L. Morey (former wife of Mike Gould, son of Sylvia and Ken Gould) unexpectedly passed away on 8/2/16

July 31: Worship 98,
General Fund \$1,904.00,
Copper Kettle \$46.74,
Missions Trip \$66.00,
Apportionments \$10.36;
Grand Total: \$3,177.12

This Week:

Sun. Aug 7: 9:30 am

Worship

Mon. Aug. 8: Mission Meeting, 6:45 pm (note)

Wed. Aug 10: 1:30 pm Bible Study

Thurs. Aug 11: 9:30 am Communion @ Cedar Manor; 10:00 am GIG; 6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Sat. Aug 13: 11:00 am Shared Blessings

Sun. Aug 14: 9:30 am Worship; 6:00 pm Dominos

The Games We Play

Sermon Series in August