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## United Methodist News

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### WELCOMING All Adults Groups Meeting During Sunday School

Make plans to find an adult group this fall. Pastor Jenny recently preached *Games People Play: Jenga* using the text from 1 Corinthians 3 about building a life with the sturdy foundation of Jesus Christ. The vision of our church is to be people *Deeply Rooted, Branching Out, and Bearing Fruit*. Both of these metaphors are used to say: Relationship with God is really important! Participating in a group that challenges and supports your growth is a time-tested way of building deep roots and a sturdy foundation. Below are the groups that currently meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00. If these groups don't work for you and you would like to start a group or need information about groups meeting at other times (currently Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday nights, and Thursday mornings), please talk to Pastor Jenny or Melinda Stonebraker. Get in a group and if you're already in one, invite someone to come along!



#### Church Staff

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Pastor - **Jenny Seylar**

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Accompanist - **Sylvia Gould**

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Chancel Choir

Director - **Alice Ann Gallagher**

Little Friends Preschool

Director - **Jessica Goodenow**

Little Friends Preschool

Teacher - **Megan Coppess**

Choir Kids - **Denise Cartwright**

Choir Kids Accompanist - **Dee Wallace**

Xn Chaos Director - **Greg Brown**

Bishop of the Iowa Annual

Conference - **Laurie Haller**

East Central District

Superintendent - **Kiboko Kiboko**

East Central Iowa District

Field Outreach Minister - **Jill Sanders**

#### Friends Class

Location: Room 113. Leader: Karen Strefling. Group make-up: Men and Women. Studies: Various video teaching series. This Fall *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton and *What Are We Fighting For? Coming Together Around What Matters Most* by Thomas Bickerton.

#### Growth and Impact Group (GIG)

Location: Gathering Place. Leader: Ryan Stonebraker. Group make-up: Men and Women. Studies: Varied Bible and Christian Life materials. Includes regular service projects.

#### Growth and Impact Group (GIG)

Location: Room 106. Leaders: Bobbie Leiser and Kiley Schultz. Group make-up: Moms, all who have children at home. Studies: Books range from Christian parenting to Bible studies. Discussions range from balancing work and parenthood to how to incorporate Christian values into children while not losing ourselves in the parenting process. Includes regular service projects.

#### Special K GIG

Location: Berean Room, in Gathering Place. Leader: Shared. Group make-up: Women. Materials: Varies; whatever the church is studying or the Upper Room. Other information: Starts on Sept 18. Includes regular service projects.

#### Wired Word

Location: Wesley Room. Leader: Rotates. Group make-up: Men and Women. Studies: Group members receive the email publication *The Wired Word*, early in the weekend and meet on Sunday mornings to discuss the news and scripture.

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

# Between Sundays ~ Thoughts from Pastor Jenny

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Each morning I make every effort to spend at least 15-30 minutes in prayer, study and contemplation. Full disclosure though, I have done poorly for the past 3 months. Travel, family visits, and transitioning to a new church have made it more difficult to focus on my own personal walk with Christ. As your pastor, I owe it to you to pause from the to-do list, and spend quality time with the Lord. By taking time daily, I am better prepared to handle the various aspects of pastoral ministry.

I am committed to the ministry of the church, and I take my call to be your pastor very seriously. That said, if I am not careful, I will give too much of myself to you, leaving little for Christ, myself, and my family. It's important that I set healthy boundaries in ministry and in my personal life. In the past I have not always been so good at balancing ministry and family life. I hope to do better while serving as your pastor.

One of my favorite authors is Henri Nouwen, a Catholic priest who wrote about how people are called to live a spiritual life. One of Nouwen's last books published was *The Inner Voice of Love: A Journey Through Anguish to Freedom*. Nouwen writes of his own inner struggles and shares how to "Set Boundaries to Your Love." Here is a portion of this passage in his book:

"Part of your struggle is to set boundaries to your own love—something you have never done. You give whatever people ask of you, and when they ask for more, you give more, until you find yourself exhausted, used, and manipulated. Only when you are able to set your own boundaries will you be able to acknowledge, respect, and even be grateful for the boundaries of others." (pg. 9, *The Inner Voice of Love*)

As your pastor I will seek ways to equip you, the saints, to fulfill the mission of this church—"To Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the

world." I will strive to prepare and preach relevant, Bible-based sermons while serving alongside gifted worship leaders. I will partner with you to provide quality pastoral care when folks are in crisis or illness, in need, and are seeking ways to connect with the Lord. I will help leaders to shepherd children, youth and adults in their discipleship with Christ. I will support and guide the mission and outreach ministries of the church, at times working alongside servants of the ministries. I will likely do more, but I see these areas as a great starting place for us as partners in ministry.

I will do all this (and probably more) by setting healthy boundaries with my time. Notice that I didn't say I would do the ministry, but that I will support YOU as you are in ministry. Healthy churches seek ways to help all people to use their gifts to bring people into relationship with the Lord, not just the pastor and key leaders in the church.

As your pastor, one who does not live in Tipton, I will still be available to you in times of crisis, and there are those in town who can provide care and support until I arrive. I will strive to attend the events that allow me to work alongside you in the ministries of the church, and of those in the community. As I formulate my schedule each week, I try to bundle as much as I can, making my drive to Tipton as fruitful as I can for ministry.

Please know that you may contact me if you have concerns about the ministry of the church or your own particular pastoral care. My office hours most days are 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday thru Thursday (although when there are evening meetings, I won't be in until after noon.) Please stop by so we can get to know one another better. Friday is my day off, and with Saturday, I get a weekend. Know that I am still available for emergencies on Friday and Saturday.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Jenny



*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Hebrews 12:2

# Missions

## Mission Market

The Mission Market has been open since mid-June and we have received a nice assortment of produce. Thank you to all who have donated and also to those who picked things up. If you have extra produce you'd like to donate, please continue to bring it. Any FREEWILL DONATIONS given for the fruits and vegetables will go to mission projects.

Before leaving worship, please check the remaining produce to see what is left. Consider taking it with you or to the senior center for lunch on Monday.



## UMCOR Health Kits

The Missions team is highlighting the UMCOR Health Kit in this month's newsletter. Health Kits help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves. Here's a list of items in the Health Kit:

- 1 new hand towel (15" X 25" up to 17" x 27")
- 1 bath size bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz or larger)
- 1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper (NO child-sized toothbrushes)
- 1 new washcloth
- 6 band-aids (3/4")
- 1 large, sturdy comb (not pocket-size)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clipper (NO emery boards or toenail clippers)
- Add \$1 to purchase toothpaste

Lay out hand towel and lay wash cloth flat in the center. Place rest of items on top of washcloth. Fold sides of towel to cover items. Fold one end of towel so it covers all items. Grasp bundle of items and roll over rest of towel tightly. Place tightly rolled bundle in Ziploc bag.

If you'd like a copy of the Thanksgiving Ingathering brochure, an updated brochure is available at the back of the sanctuary or the church office.

## GET A BUDDY, BUILD A KIT

The Missions team challenges YOU to Get a Buddy and Build A Kit. This challenge is intended to increase the number of individuals/families involved in putting together Ingathering Kits this fall. All you have to do is **sign up** with a buddy to build a kit **in the Gathering Place** and watch the thermometer to help us reach our goal of 125 kits. For a complete list of kits, pick up a copy of the Thanksgiving Ingathering brochure at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office.

**A dedication of kits will occur on Sunday, October 30 so all kits must be turned in by that date.** The Ingathering will be held in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, November 5.

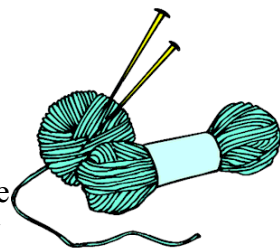


## HELP NEEDED:

We are always looking for groups or individuals to help with Shared Blessings. Perhaps your GIG, coworkers, gym buddies, card club, or family could help out on a Saturday morning. This is a great way to help others. Please consider signing up for a Saturday morning. Contact the church office or Heather Strefling.

## PRAYER SHAWLS

Thank you to all who are knitting or crocheting prayer shawls, lap robes and baby blankets. **We are running low on prayer shawls and need help making more.** If you have any interest in knitting or crocheting, contact Berrie Glick or Lois Salmonson. Yarn is usually available in the Gathering Place the 2nd Sunday of the month. **We need your help in getting them out to people who are experiencing an illness, grieving the loss of a loved one or could just use some TLC.** If you know of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, blanket, lap robe, or scarf, pick one up in the Gathering Place OR the Wesley Room for a larger selection.



*When you live with hope  
in your heart, mind,  
and spirit, you have  
discovered one of life's  
most powerful secrets  
of success.*

—Norman Vincent Peale

# Neighbors & Disciples



## Fall Sunday Schedule Starts September 11

- 7:45 Prayer; Meet in Gathering Place
- 8:30 Choir Kids Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 Donuts and Children's Sunday School Registration in the Dining Room
- 9:00 Adult Sunday School & GIGs throughout the building
- 10:30 Worship with Choir Kids and Christian Chaos in the Sanctuary
- 11:30 College Connections Hotdog Lunch in the Dining Room

## Opportunity: Teach Sunday School

The days go by so swiftly! Here it is, almost time for Sunday School to start. We need a few "teachers" for Sunday School, and I put teachers in quotes because we are all teachers. Children watch us and take their cues from us. What better way to teach than to be present. Curriculum, training and materials are all provided. Denise Cartwright visits each classroom to lead music time. We will support you every way that we can. There is no better feeling than having a child say "There is my teacher." It's like God is giving you a pat on the back. Split positions are available if you can't teach every week. If you want to ask questions or volunteer to teach contact me at 563-886-2490, [glfleming@iowatelecom.net](mailto:glfleming@iowatelecom.net), or catch me after worship.

Yours in Christ, Gail Fleming

## Seminary Fund Established

Our Leadership Council has voted to establish a Seminary Fund to benefit those who have felt the call to ministry. Members of our church have expressed an interest in supporting Melinda Stonebraker and future seminary students and their efforts. If you wish, you may make a donation to this fund by designating so on your check. Our congregation will be on the receiving end of the many talents, skills, and learnings of seminary students. We are so blessed!

## Little Friends Preschool

Greetings from Little Friends Preschool! We are so excited for classes to start. Enrollment in both sessions of morning preschool is full! Hallelujah! Classes start on Tuesday, September 6 for the Tuesday-Thursday class and on Wednesday, September 7 for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday class. We will have our student and parent Meet and Greet on September 1st. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers that we have a smooth start and a successful year!



## Christian Chaos makes its 3rd appearance at the Iowa State Fair

Tipton UMC was represented at the State Fair again this year by Xn Chaos. The band played at noon on August 17. Dr. Arthur McClanahan, Director of Communications for the Iowa Annual Conference was at the fair and interviewed Greg Brown. Links to photos, the interview, and the story are on our website [tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org). Chaos plays 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month during the school year. Invite friends who may enjoy their music to worship with you.



Pictured, left to right: Nifer Comstock, Denise Cartwright, Melinda Stonebraker, Larry Houstman, Greg Brown, Mary Jo Heil, Dusty Johnson, Alec Heil, and Andrew Allen. Not pictured: Brian Heil.

## Youth Group Starts September 7—Invite a Friend!

We have been working hard on getting things lined up for another fun year of activities and missions. We kick off this year on September 7 with scavenger hunts and dinner with Pastor Jenny.

Youth Group meets the first Wednesday of each month, from September to May. Times will be:

- 5:30-6:30 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the youth room for activities and games
- 6:30-7:00 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders will enjoy a meal and fellowship time in the dining room
- 7:00-8:30 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the youth room for activities and games

In addition to the monthly meetings our goal is to have a monthly outing and or mission project. We will be planning these after the first meeting on September 7 when we get some input from the youth as to what they would like to do this year. We do have some great ideas down based off what they asked for last year. We will be doing a lock-in (I can hear the cheers now for this!), Terror in the Timber, Shared Blessings, a fundraiser, and a trip to Adventureland. Full calendar will be shared after Sept 7. Youth Group information and registration packets are available from Bobbie Lieser (blieser@gmail.com), Penny Webb (dpwebb97@gmail.com), or the church office 563-886-2331.

## Adventureland Mission Rally

The Adventureland trip is September 10<sup>th</sup>, leaving the church at 8:30 am and returning around 8 pm. If you would like to come, **please register by September 7**. Tickets for members of the youth group and chaperones are \$15 for your ticket (Youth Group will be paying the rest of the admission charge), additional tickets are \$25. To register, get forms from Bobbie Lieser (blieser@gmail.com), Penny Webb (dpwebb97@gmail.com), or the church office 563-886-2331.



## Candle Lighter Training For New Acolytes

Children grades 2-6 are welcome to be acolytes (those who light the candles) for Sunday worship. A big thank you to Kim Walter, who will continue coordinating the schedule for the acolytes. (September Acolytes are on Page 10 in this newsletter.)

In order to become an acolyte, we require the children to attend a training session. The training will be held Tuesday, September 20, from right after school to 5:00 pm. Pastor Jenny will go to the elementary and then Middle School at the end of the school day. We will return to church (walking if it's nice; use the church bus if it's raining) where we will have a snack, Bible Study, and then practice. We'll conclude at 5:00 pm. This training is intended for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and any other 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> graders who want to acolyte but have not yet received the training. After the training you'll be put on the schedule to acolyte Sunday mornings.

Please register for this training by marking your insert in worship or calling the church office. If you have questions contact Pastor Jenny or Kim Walter—see right.

## College Connections Lunch — Sept. 11

Stay for lunch after worship Sept 11. Lunch will include hotdogs, chips, baked beans, and dessert. Freewill offerings collected will provide postage funds for the College Connections Ministry, which send care packages to college students through the school year.

## College Students and Parents: Update Your Contact Information

If you haven't already submitted your school year contact information to the church office, please do: office@tiptonumc.org or 886-2331. We need your college address, email address, phone number and birth date ASAP. This information will be used by the church office to send the church communications (i.e. newsletter) and by the College Connections group to send care packages. If you'd like your son or daughter to receive a care package, please make sure we have their current address. Thank you!

*You are valuable  
because you exist. Not  
because of what you do  
or what you have done,  
but simply because  
you are.*

—Max Lucado

## You Could Be An Acolyte

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to serve as Acolytes (candle lighters) during worship. If your child is interested, please contact Kim Walter, kwalter@illinoisalumni.org, or the church office 563-886-2331.

## Financial Statements

To save resources, 2nd quarter statements of giving were not printed for distribution. If you would like your giving statement at any time, please contact the church office at [office@tiptonumc.org](mailto:office@tiptonumc.org) or 563-886-2331.



## Freezing Corn



Volunteers from church cut and packaged corn donated by Brad and Bobbie Lieser to be used at Shared Blessings.



## Happy Birthday Stella!

Stella Gardner will be noting her 96th birthday on Sept. 5. Cards may be sent to her at Cedar Manor, 1200 Mulberry St., Tipton, IA 52772. Her daughters are Diane (Larry) LeBlanc of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Cathy (Philip) Ott of Canon City, Colorado. You are invited to visit with her and her family on Sunday, September 4, from 2:30-3:30 pm at Cedar Manor.



## Join the Chancel Choir

*I'm Gonna Keep on Singin'* is the first song the Chancel Choir sings this church year. We would like for you to join with us in sharing your God-given gifts of song. What a great way to give your service to the church and hopefully enjoy it, too! We meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00 beginning September 7 in the choir loft in the Sanctuary. We sing the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. We have beautiful blue robes to wear when we sing and each singer has his/her own music folder. What more do we need? We need your voices praising God through singing! Please join us. – Alice Ann Gallagher, Chancel Choir Director



**Thank you** so much to all who provided baked goods, veggies, fruits and berries for the annual bake sale held during Ridiculous Days. Because it was so warm we moved across the street under a shady tree in the court square. (Much better foot traffic also!) Look for us there next year! A special thanks to Nancy, Margaret, Renee and Carmen for jumping in at the last minute to run the show. Thanks to your efforts we will once again be able to provide several scholarships to UMC campers next summer.



## Potluck September 25

Leadership Council invites you to a potluck to officially welcome Pastor Jenny and her family. The potluck will be after worship September 25 in the dining room. Please bring food to share. Coffee, water, lemonade, and table service will be provided.

## Can't Make Worship? Want to Give Online? Visit the Website.

Weekly Sermons and Bulletins are posted online. If you miss worship, catch up at [tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org). If you want to give online, that is available too by clicking the **Give Now** button in the upper-right of each page.

## 2016-2017 Confirmation Journey for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders

All youth grades 7-12 who have not been confirmed are invited to join Pastor Jenny and other adults to learn about their faith through the confirmation journey. It is not a membership class, but instead the beginning of (or continuation of) a personal journey of faith. This is best accomplished by building relationships with other youth, adult mentors, parents, and leaders. In a variety of settings, youth will have the opportunity to explore their faith in a judgment-free atmosphere. There is no “end” to the faith journey, only a completion of the confirmation process. Each youth will have the opportunity to claim this faith journey as their own on a confirmation Sunday in September 2017.

The confirmation journey will begin on Sunday, September 11, at 9:00 am with a parent and youth meeting in the youth room. At this meeting, the confirmation expectations will be explained. Some key dates to note are:

Sundays — 9:00-10:15 am — Confirmation Class; Sept. 11 start date  
Early Out Wednesdays — 1:30 pm — Field Trip and Mission Days: Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 22, April 19

Youth group meets on the first Wednesday of the month: Grades 5-7 from 5:30-7:00 pm and Grades 8-12 6:30-8:30 pm. This will be an important part of the confirmation journey. In addition, there will be a confirmation retreat, visits to other faith traditions, and the opportunity to go on a mission trip.

If you have questions about the confirmation journey, please contact Pastor Jenny at the church.

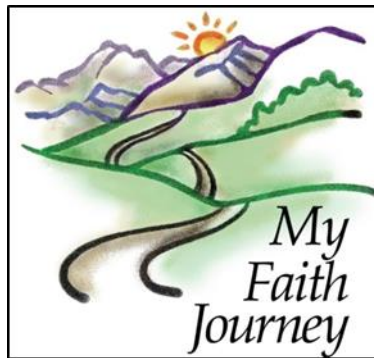
## Choir Kids & Kids For Christ (KFC)

**Choir Kids** Starting Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Kick-Off Party Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> This is an open invitation for all kids in grades K-6<sup>th</sup>, who enjoy singing, to join Choir Kids. We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:30, before the start of Sunday School, and we share music for worship services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

**Yes, we will sing for church on our first Sunday back, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>!**

To kick-off the year, I am hosting a Hot Dog Roast for Choir Kids and their families, on Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30, at my home, 1118 Stonemill Road. Please bring lawn chairs. I will provide everything else. If you would like more information, please contact me at 319-430-6172. I am excited to get the year started, and I know our congregation is looking forward to hearing the Choir Kids singing God’s praises! -Denise Cartwright

**Kids for Christ** is a service oriented group that meets once a month, Oct. – April, usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, from 2:30 – 4:30. We do crafts, visit our friends at Cedar Manor, and then return to the church for snacks. All ages, including adults, are welcome. Kids are encouraged to invite a friend. Volunteers are always needed and blessed. We will meet October 9<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars. Questions? Please contact Denise Cartwright (319-430-6172).



## Audio Visual Training

Interested in serving the congregation on Sunday mornings or visitors during the week? We are looking for people to create PowerPoint shows for Worship, or run the media during the service on Sunday (you don’t have to do both – only what you are interested in!) We are also looking for people available during the week to manage the audio/visual equipment during funerals, or other events that occur during the week.

I will be doing a **training session for PowerPoint creators on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm**. If you are interested in creating PowerPoint shows for worship please attend this session. I’d suggest those who have done the PowerPoint shows in the past may want to attend as well - with the addition of the ‘confidence monitor’ for the use of worship leaders some of the ‘best practices’ have changed.

I will also be holding a **training session for Media Operators Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm**.

If there is interest, I will do a **sound system familiarization session Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm** for anyone interested in learning how the sound system in the sanctuary works. This is a good session for anyone willing to operate the sound system for funerals or other events during the week.

All sessions will be held in the sanctuary.

Please contact Becky Young if you would like to sign up as either a PowerPoint Creator or Media Operator. Contact me ([bheil@ezrasoft.com](mailto:bheil@ezrasoft.com)) or the office if interested in providing weekday A/V support. –Brian Heil

# Discipleship Pathway

Why should the YOUth Group get to have all the fun?! Here is a **Scavenger Hunt** for you! Within this newsletter, find opportunities to engage in each of these elements of our Discipleship Pathway Self-Assessment. If you need a refresher about what these elements mean, beyond the very short description given, look at past newsletters or find the Self-Assessment under Ministries—>GIGs at [tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org). **If you want a prize**, fill out the “Example on Page:” row with a note about the opportunity and page number and *at least* one of the “My Next Step:” cells and get it to Melinda Stonebraker. The prize will make it a little more fun, and allow us to learn how each of you are engaging in discipleship. But, of course the real reward is drawing closer to Christ! If you want to do a scavenger hunt where you actually get to run around town, volunteer at YOUth Group Sept 7.

Prayer and Meditation	Scripture Reflection	Corporate Worship	Small Group Community	Gift-based Service	Financial Generosity	Invitational Evangelism
Investing time listening and talking to God. Being present with God.	Reading the Bible and allowing scripture to instruct your life.	Engaging with the Body of Christ to glorify, celebrate, and remember Jesus.	Risking vulnerability and accountability with a group of spiritual friends.	Giving of your time and talents to benefit God’s people and all of God’s creation.	Understanding all you have is from God. Using resources wisely and generously.	Knowing those around you and caring for them as Jesus did.
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## Sunday Morning Prayer Group Starting 7:45 Sept 11

At 7:45 each Sunday morning during the Sunday School year we will pray for the leaders and participants in our Sunday Morning ministries. If you’re able to come, meet in the Gathering Place otherwise pray where you are. Questions: Contact Melinda Stonebraker or the church office at 563-886-2331 or [office@tiptonumc.org](mailto:office@tiptonumc.org).

## Fall Church Building Chores

The Trustees have put together this fall cleaning list. Get a group or come on your own and do part of the cleaning. Many hands make light work! Contact Leanne Boots for information or when you complete your task.

### Sanctuary:

- Clean pews under cushions
- Vacuum pew cushions
- Clean and/or dust woodwork
- Do a good clean in the corners and under pews, etc.

### Gathering Place:

- Dust, windows, spider webs, etc.

### Rest Rooms:

- a. 105
- b. 109
- c. LL - men’s
- d. LL - women’s
- e. Gathering Place

### Entire building:

- Clean light shades/fixtures:
  - Basement;
  - Rest of original bldg;
  - Education Building
  - Breezeway (inside and outside)
- Clean under area rugs; shake if appropriate;
- Use edging tools or stiff broom to remove dust build-up in edges & corners
- Wash windows – inside (fine to use a squeegee.)
- Esp. at basement level: Be sure bugs and spider webs are out and that they will close tight and latch for winter...
- Dust shelves
- Clean the windows and window sills in the tower





- 1 – Allan & Teri Baird, Rosalyn Hill, Kim Kreinbring, Allison Nash
- 2 – Kirk Lieser
- 3 – Karen & Rich Zobel, Connie Voss
- 4 – Rick & Pat Christensen, Melinda & Ryan Stonebraker, Sylis McGee
- 5 – Bonnie Butler, Keaton DeWulf, Stella Gardner
- 6 – Jerry & Sylvia Ferguson, Patti & Phil Seydel, Jason & Michelle Smith, Gail Jackson
- 7 – Wesley McGee, Jacob Paul, Matt Thomas
- 8 – Sharon & Stuart Clark, Lilly Errthum, Lori Seebers
- 9 – Izabelle Errthum, Ethan Houstman, Nancy Wood
- 10 – Linda Boots, Brandon Ford
- 11 – Elisabeth & James Gardner, Leon Carpenter, Nigel Crock, Mary Jo Heil, Russell Hoffman
- 12 – Nick & Steph Behne, Sandy Childs, Bob Holets
- 13 – Penny & Duane Webb, Alek Comstock, Jany DeWulf, Ruby Harper, Thomas Hembry
- 14 – Becky Fetterman, Deborah Lowry, Nick Ohrt, Jason Walter
- 15 – Karen Anderson, Merlyn Becklet
- 16 – Denise Cartwright, Kinley Rausch
- 17 – David Beers, Dawn Davis, Austen Gardner, Kent Hoffman, Pam Spear
- 18 – Sara Hembry, Penelope Nissen, Elizabeth Voss
- 19 – Alex & Bailey Anderson, Glenn L. & Diane Eaton, Erma Lyle, Justin Marchik, Jason Paustian
- 20 – Barb & Wally Cawiezell, Will & Julie Williams, Doug Boldt, Craig Jackson, Carol Maxwell
- 21 – Mary Jo & Brian Heil
- 22 – Nick Behne
- 23 – Jerod & Leslie Timmerman, Carrie Glick
- 24 – Amelia Bormann, Diane Chambliss, Waunita Wentzel
- 25 – Jack & Denise Cartwright, Charles & Becky Donohoe, Donnie Miles, Garrett Nau, Addison Rausch, Shelley Stuhr
- 27 – Janet & Kevin Anderson, Michael & Jennifer Wiskus-Rausch, Joel Miller, Adrianna Paul
- 28 – Camille Person
- 29 – Randy Bormann, Michael Puffer, Carolyn Wood
- 30 – Alice Ann Gallagher, Haley Miller, Vivian Shontz

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

**Death:** God's peace to the families of:

- Steve Neuhaus** (Judy Rouse's cousin) who died Aug 1
- Sheryl Morey** (former wife of Mike Gould, son of Sylvia and Ken Gould) who died Aug 1
- Albino Barela** (Fidel Barela's dad) who died Aug 13
- Mabel Lamp** who died August 26

**Birth:** We joyfully celebrate:

- Flynn Logan-Allen Hubler** born to Josh & Alisha Hubler and sister Alexandria on August 17
- Haley Marie Marchik** born to Kyle and Jessica (Hembry) Marchik on August 6

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 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

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

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

**Tables for Sale: We have four 8ft tables to sell for \$25 each.**  
**Cash and Carry.**  
**Stop by the office to buy.**

# September Sunday Servants

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## **Liturgists** Twyla Hein – Coordinator

- 4 – Pastor Jenny
- 11 – Alec Heil
- 18 – Dusty Johnson
- 25 – Sherry Willey

## **Power Point** Becky Young – Coordinator

- 4 – Brian Heil
- 11 – Trina and Landan Hill
- 18 – Carmen Hoffman
- 25 – Ken McKay (create) Zoe Stonebraker (run)

## **Fellowship Coffee** Barb R. & Judy O. – Coordinator

- 4 – Marchik Family, Judy Ohrt
- 11 – Hotdog Lunch—College Connections
- 18 – Brad & Bobbie Lieser, Jack & Denise Cartwright
- 25 – Everyone: Potluck welcoming Seylars!

## **Greeters** Becky Young – Coordinator

- 4 – Pat Fankhauser and Judy Ohrt
- 11 – Adam Rippentrop Family
- 18 – Nate Anderson Family
- 25 – Will Williams Family

## **Nursery** Office – Coordinator

- 4 – Zoe Stonebraker
- 11 –
- 18 –
- 25 –

## **Children's Lesson** Office – Coordinator

- 4 – Pastor Jenny
- 11 –
- 18 – Dusty Johnson
- 25 –

## **Ushers** Melinda Stonebraker – Coordinator

- 4 – Stonebraker Family
- 11 – Abby, Elliot, Gwen Cummins-VanScoy
- 18 – Abby, Elliot, Gwen Cummins-VanScoy
- 25 – Abby, Elliot, Gwen Cummins-VanScoy

## **Communion Stewards** Donna Gault – Coordinator

- 4 – Gail Fleming

## **Flowers** Becky Young – Coordinator

- 4 – Berrie Glick
- 11 –
- 18 –
- 25 –

## **Acolytes** – Kim Walter – Coordinator

- 4 – Volunteers
- 11 – Colbie Schultz & Alicia Walter
- 18 – Avary & Braydon Calonder
- 25 – Gwen VanScoy & Danica Rippentrop

# Worship in September

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We conclude the sermon series on The Games People Play on the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend with the game of Monopoly. Sept. 4 will also be the last Sunday with worship at 9:30 am. September 11 kicks off the fall schedule and our worship emphasis will be on living into God's mission and vision here at Tipton First UMC. As we explore the Discipleship Pathway, all will be encouraged to be intentional about following Jesus. See you Sunday! - *Pastor Jenny*

## **Sept. 4** “The Games People Play: Monopoly”

Holy Communion  
Baptism of Haley Marie Marchik

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:25-33

**Music:** Organ, Elaine Moes

## **Sept. 11** “Coming Into Focus”

**Scripture:** Matthew 28:16-20 NIV

**Music:** Christian Chaos & Choir Kids

## **Sept. 18** “Discipleship Pathway: Deeply Rooted”

**Scripture:** Phil. 4:4-9

**Music:** Chancel Choir

## **Sept. 25** “Discipleship Pathway: Branching Out”

**Scripture:** Acts 14:21-28

**Music:** Choir Kids & Christian Chaos

## **Oct. 2** “Discipleship Pathway: Bearing Fruit”

World Communion Sunday

**Scripture:** Romans 12

**Music:** Chancel Choir

## Presence & Gifts from July

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**Worship Attendance:** 3 – 119, 10 – 64, 17 – 73,  
24 – 105, 31 – 98.

**Average:** 92

**General Fund: 10,936.00**, Upper Room 8.75,  
Apportionments 120.00, Leaving a Legacy 200.00,  
VBS 20.00, Shared Blessings 8.65, Missions 160.00,  
Copper Kettle 165.70, Mission Work Trip 453.68,  
Mission Market 11.32, UMCOR 20.00

**Total: 12,104.10**

# September Calendar

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## Thursday, September 1

10:00 am GIG  
6:00 pm Little Friends  
Preschool Meet and Greet

## Sunday, September 4

9:30 am Worship with Holy  
Communion and Baptism

## Monday, September 5

Labor Day

## Tuesday, September 6

Little Friends Preschool Starts  
1:00 pm GIG  
7:00 pm PowerPoint Training

## Wednesday, September 7

6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, September 8

9:30 am Communion @ Cedar  
Manor  
10:00 am GIG  
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

## Saturday, September 10

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Shared  
Blessings Meal

## Sunday, September 11

7:45 am Prayer  
8:30 am Choir Kids  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:35 am College Connections  
Luncheon  
5:00 – 6:30 pm Choir Kids Hot  
Dog Roast @ Cartwright's  
6:00 – 8:00 pm Dominoes

## Monday, September 12

6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal  
8:00 pm Creative Worship Mtg

## Tuesday, September 13

1:00 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Media Operator Class

## Wednesday, September 14

Homecoming Parade  
1:30 pm Bible Study  
6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 pm Abigail Circle

## Thursday, September 15

10:00 am GIG  
2:00 pm Prairie Hills Program  
6:00 pm Leadership Develop-  
ment  
6:30 – 7:30 pm Trustees

## Sunday, September 18

7:45 Prayer  
8:30 am Choir Kids  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

## Monday, September 19

4:30 pm Grief Group

## Tuesday, September 20

1:00 pm GIG  
3:00 pm Acolyte Training  
7:00 pm Sound System Class

## Wednesday, September 21

1:30 Confirmation  
6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir  
7:30 pm Leadership Council  
8:00 pm Abigail Circle

## Thursday, September 22

10:00 am GIG  
6:30 pm Chaos  
7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

## Saturday, September 24

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Shared  
Blessings

## Sunday, September 25

7:45 Prayer  
8:30 am Choir Kids  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Church Potluck

## Monday, September 26

6:30 Chaos Rehearsal

## Tuesday, September 27

1:00 pm GIG  
2:00 pm Prairie Hills Program

## Wednesday, September 28

1:30 pm Bible Study  
6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir

## Thursday, September 29

10:00 am GIG





## Take Note of Select September Events

*Please see Page 11 for a more complete list.*

Sept. 1 — Little Friends Meet and Greet

Sept. 5 — Labor Day

Sept. 7 — Youth Group

Sept. 10 — Shared Blessings  
Youth Mission Rally @  
Adventureland

Sept. 11 — Prayer – 7:45 am  
Choir Kids – 8:30 am  
Sunday School – 9:00 am  
**Worship Service – 10:30 am**  
College Connections Lunch  
Choir Kids Hotdog Roast – 5:00 pm

Sept. 14 — Abigail Circle

Sept. 19 — Grief Group

Sept. 20 — Acolyte Training

Sept. 21 — Newsletter Articles Due  
Confirmation Class – 1:30 pm

Sept. 22 — Priscilla Circle

Sept. 24 — Shared Blessings

Sept. 25 — Church Potluck – 11:45 am

Sept. 28 — Meeting of the Holy Folders



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