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## United Methodist News

November 2016

Come early Sunday mornings to pray for our church and community. Each Sunday starting at 7:45 am in the Gathering Place.



November 13

Do you like your spouse? Want to keep liking them? Couples of all ages and stages are invited to join fellow UMC married couples for our new event, Marriage on Tap, Sunday, Nov. 13th from 6-8 pm at the Buchanan House Winery (726 Green Road, Tipton). Keep your marriage a priority, enjoy a date night and fellowship with other couples, plus an encouraging program is being planned. \$25 per couple includes the program, a catered meal, and free childcare at the church. Beverages are available for purchase through the winery. Must be registered by Sunday, November 6; registration form is available on the church website [tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org). Any questions, contact Kiley Schultz [c3k2schultz@gmail.com](mailto:c3k2schultz@gmail.com) or Bobbie Lieser [blieser@gmail.com](mailto:blieser@gmail.com) or the church office 563-886-2331.



### Church Staff

Pastor - **Jenny Seylar**  
Administrative Ministries  
Coordinator - **Melinda Stonebraker**  
Accompanist - **Sylvia Gould**  
Custodian - **Don Griffith**  
Chancel Choir  
Director - **Alice Ann Gallagher**  
Little Friends Preschool  
Director - **Jessica Goodenow**  
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**  
Ministers of Jesus Christ  
in the World - **All the People of God!**



### Christmas Schedule

Creative Worship and the Children's Department received positive feedback last year when we offered the Children's Christmas Program during Sunday Worship, so we are doing it again this year! The children will present their program at 10:30am, Sunday, December 18. Mark your calendars and plan to attend to support our children as they lead!

Christmas Eve worship will be Family Worship at 4:30 pm and Worship with Communion at 9:00 pm, December 24. Both services will include candlelight and will feature the final part of *The Redemption of Scrooge* series.

Worship will be at 10:30 am Christmas and New Year's Sundays with Fellowship Coffee following. There will not be Sunday School on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

# Between Sundays ~ Thoughts from Pastor Jenny

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We are called as followers of Jesus Christ to seek to be more like Jesus Christ in our daily lives of work, family, and play. That happens when we take intentional steps to grow our faith. That's what the commitment is about when we officially join this congregation of Tipton United Methodist Church. There are five things that a person commits to do in the joining of the church (either officially or unofficially) and that is, ***“uphold the church by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness.”*** It is found in the membership vows and in the baptismal covenant. But what does it mean to live out our vows thru prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?

**Prayers:** Seeking ways to be Deeply Rooted in Christ happens when we talk often with God thru prayer, scripture reading and reflection. *Increase the time you talk with God each day. The Apostle Paul urges prayer “without ceasing.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

**Presence:** A commitment to presence means we pay attention to the time and to the place we are at in the present moment, looking and listening for God's guidance. When we promise “presence” to the congregation, we commit to be engaged to the place and people who compose both the congregation and the community the congregation serves. This helps us to be people who are Branching Out for God thru worship and small group GIGs.

**Gifts:** This commitment encourages us to be Bearing Fruit by using our spiritual gifts, our natural abilities, our material assets, our training and experience to uphold God's church. We have opportunities each day to discover and develop gifts, then a responsibility through this vow to full stewardship of our time, abilities, and finances. To paraphrase John Wesley, “Gain all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.” To live by these tenants is to live fully into your calling to follow Christ.

**Service:** The commitment to service reminds us that Jesus' life was an example of living as a servant and his words instructed his disciples to do the same. Participate in church services and mission projects. When you recognize an unmet need, work with others to try to meet the need.

Volunteer regularly to serve the church and community through the various opportunities before you. This is another way that we can be Bearing Fruit for Christ.

**Witness:** A promise to witness reminds us that other people see and hear us all the time. Our living, our words, our actions and commitments are a witness to our priorities. Upholding God's church with our witness is a vow to let our life speak. Live with integrity so that your words and actions honor God, honor yourself, and honor others. Greet and speak warmly to others, especially visitors in your church, co-workers, and people with whom you live, do business and interact every day.

It is a blessings to serve as your pastor, and I am experiencing great peace about it. Even amid the peace, there is much work to be done to live into our calling to follow Christ. Honoring the membership commitment to your fullest ability helps to build a strong community of believers who are disciples of Jesus Christ. **On November 13** during our worship service we will have the opportunity to once again (or for the first time) commit to ministries of this, Christ's church here in Tipton. I hope you will prayerfully consider how God is calling YOU to commit to the church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Blessings in Christ - Pastor Jenny



Not what we say about our blessings,  
but how we use them,  
is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

W.T. Purkiser

# Missions

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## Mission Trip

Tipton First UMC is pulling together a group of youth and adults to go to Baton Rouge to do rebuilding from the 2016 flooding. As of late October, they are still mucking out the mud and crud from the flooding and will begin the rebuilding process in December. Our group will be timed right to continue rebuilding in March. Ed, the Coordinator, said that there were more square miles of damage from the 2016 floods there than from Hurricane Katrina, but this storm didn't have a name. 150,000 homes were damaged.

### Here are the basics:

**Dates:** Leave Tipton on Sat. March 11, stay the night near Jackson, MS. Arrive Baton Rouge, Sun. March 12. (approx. 14 hour trip)

**Work days:** March 13-17

Leave after working on March 17 and drive 5 hours?? Or leave the morning of the 18th.

Arrive home March 18 (or 19 if we leave on the morning of the 18th)

There is a full kitchen and showers in the 4 hosting churches in Baton Rouge so could do breakfast and packed lunches each day and eat out for supper. (Or cook supper a few nights)

### Cost:

7 or 8 nights at \$15 per person per night (fixed rate while sleeping in a church) = \$105 or \$120

Work fee charge per person for the week = \$100 (fixed rate)

Gas per person \$65 approx.

Food = \$150 per person, approx.

Total est. cost = \$435 per person

### Payment Schedule:

Deposit of \$25 Nov. 20, 2016

Payment 2 of \$110 Dec. 18, 2016

Payment 3 of \$150 Jan. 22, 2017

Payment 4 Balance Feb. 19, 2017

(Scholarship money available-See Pastor Jenny)

There will be fundraising opportunities to offset the cost.

In order to secure a spot, please get a form from the church office, complete it and return it to the church office by November 20, 2016 with a \$25 deposit. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable, but it is transferrable. Once the numbers are known, there will be a deposit paid to the Louisiana Relief effort to secure the spot for the week in March and relay the numbers.

## Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving offering will be split equally between the church's benevolence fund and local Iowa needs. The Benevolence Fund is used to assist people in Cedar County with anything from utilities to food assistance to transportation costs. Local Iowa needs ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways.

You may use the envelope enclosed in this newsletter or indicate "Thanksgiving" on the memo line of your check.

## Community Work Day November 6

**Make a Difference Community Work Day will be held Sunday, November 6 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

Please SIGN UP anytime in the Gathering Place, between Sunday, October 2 and Sunday, October 30 to HELP with projects AND sign up if you HAVE PROJECTS to be done. We're looking for projects such as raking leaves or cleaning gutters. Sign up early – we will do as many projects as we are able based on the time available and the number and skills of volunteers on hand.

## Angel Tree

Our church often receives requests for assistance throughout the year. The Missions team will once again give you the opportunity to purchase gift cards to supplement the benevolence fund and assist local families needing assistance by purchasing specific gift requests.

As you make plans for Christmas, we'd appreciate it if you'd include the Angel Tree as part of your plans as you are able.



**God's silence is in no way indicative of His activity or involvement in our lives. He may be silent but He is not still.**

—Charles Stanley

## “Prayer is Where the Action Is”

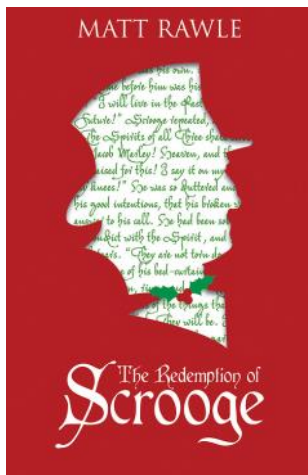
-John Wesley



Prayer Vigil November 5 6 am - 6 pm

All of us, young and old, novice and experienced, and yes, especially *you* are invited to participate in the prayer vigil! Prayer is any way we communicate with God. During the prayer vigil we set aside special time to pray together. If you want to read a story about a guy who spent a lot of time praying, talking about prayer, and teaching people to pray, read the Gospel of Luke.

The Neighbors and Disciples Work Group has determined that for this prayer vigil, in addition to using the sanctuary, we will use the entire church building at 607 Lynn Street. When you come to pray, you may walk around the church. There will be notes in each room that give suggestions for what to pray about in that room, as well as ways to interact with the people who use that space. In addition, we will have spaces to post requests, mandalas to color as you pray, and comfortable chairs around the fireplace in the Gathering Place. As usual, the sanctuary will be open and will have a place to kneel. Please mark your calendar to attend. Bring a friend, your GIG or group, or your family with you. You may come to the church anytime between 6 am and 6 pm, Saturday, November 5. If you're not available to come to the church, you may still sign-up to pray from afar.



## Advent Study: The Redemption of Scrooge

Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark and sad character? *The Redemption of Scrooge*, from Matt Rawle's, The Pop in Culture Series, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic *A Christmas Carol*. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will “bless us every one” and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.

Sunday Worship during Advent will be themed around *The Redemption of Scrooge*. Special Advent Groups are forming, beginning the week of November 27. GIGs are encouraged to use the study; a DVD and Leader Guide are available. Books for individuals also available. Contact Melinda Stonebraker or the church office to order materials for yourself or your group. For more information about the worship themes, see page 10.

## IF:Local Women's Conference February 3-4

Attention women, and those who love them: Save the date: we will be hosting an IF:Local Gathering Friday and Saturday, February 3-4. For more information, contact Kiley Schultz, Bobbie Lieser, Pastor Jenny, Jess Goodenow, or the church office.

What is IF? Their purpose statement is “We exist to gather, equip and unleash the next generation of women to live out their purpose.” At IF:Gathering 2017, we'll look at one of the most influential generations that have ever lived — the early church. The way God moved through them was simple and pure. We believe they are the model we need right now. Our dream is that we would experience the power of God as He does big things through simple acts of faith. That we live unified, surrendered to God, not just in our minds and in our theology, but also in our daily lives. Our hope is that we would participate with the Spirit of God and see Him go forth in our generation in a most powerful way.



## Church/Charge Conference November 20

The church/charge conference (the annual meeting) is scheduled for 4:30 pm, Sunday, November 20. Our District Superintendent, Kiboko Kiboko, will chair our meeting. Please plan to attend.

## Community Thanksgiving Worship

6:00 pm November 20

Calvary Four Square

Join other Christians from the Tipton area for Thanksgiving Worship, this year hosted at Calvary Four Square, 1100 Hwy 38, Tipton, just north of Walmart. Worship begins at 6:00 pm. You won't want to miss this ecumenical service. Note: Singers are invited to join the ecumenical choir. Go early to rehearse.

## Play Hand Chimes

Rehearsals for the chime choir are held Wednesdays at 6 pm in Room 111 and 112, beginning Nov. 2. All ages and abilities are encouraged to participate. See director Judy Rouse with questions, or contact the church office.



## Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, October 31.

## Thanksgiving Lunch

If you don't have plans for Thanksgiving, you are invited to join John and Mary Barnum and Ryan and Melinda Stonebraker and families, plus many others, for a traditional Thanksgiving feast at St. Mary's Hall, on East 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Meridian and Mulberry. Food will be served 11:30am-1pm. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Melinda Stonebraker if you plan to attend or want to help.



## Carolers Needed

We've been asked to provide some singers for the lighting of Tipton's Christmas tree, Saturday, November 26. If you want to sing, please contact Greg Brown or the church office.

## Fall Sunday Schedule

- 7:45 Prayer
- 8:30 Choir Kids Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 Youth Sunday School and Adult Sunday School & GIGs throughout the building
- 10:00 Snacks and Fellowship in the Gathering Place
- 10:30 Worship
- 11:30 Fellowship Coffee in the dining room

(see Full Calendar on Page 11)



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

Weekly Sermons and Bulletins are posted at [tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org). If you miss worship, catch up at the website [tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org). If you want to give online, that is available at the website too.



Faith is the most powerful of all forces operating in humanity and when you have it in depth nothing can get you down.

—Norman Vincent Peale

Thank you

Thank you so much for the blanket for our son, Lucas. Everyone is doing well and Liz is back at work. We appreciate all of your thoughts and well wishes.

Warmly, Kevin, Liz, Ethan, and Lucas Houstman



**Kids for Christ**  
**Sunday, November 13**  
**2:30-4:30pm**  
**All ages are welcome!**



27 children came to the children's lesson and learned about generosity through Oreos on Oct 23.

From the Iowa United Methodist Foundation

If you have a minimum of \$1,000.00 to invest the Iowa United Methodist Foundation has an opportunity for you to earn a good fixed rate of interest on your investment while at the same time helping Iowa United Methodist Churches with low cost financing to assist with building new buildings, renovations or additions to existing facilities, repairs, purchasing land or even buying a parsonage. Additional information and applications may be found on the Foundation website at [www.iumpf.org](http://www.iumpf.org). Current rates are: 1 year – 1.25%, 3 years – 2.24%, 5 years – 2.49%.

Little Friends Preschool

Students, teacher Megan Coppess, and some lucky parents got to ride a fire truck after learning some important fire safety tips from firemen this past month. October is fire prevention month.



Help LFP Win and Enjoy a Family Scavenger Hunt

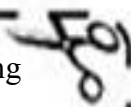

On Friday October 28th from 8-4, Cedar County Extension and Outreach will be having a Scavenger Hunt and Little Friends Preschool has an opportunity to win a 14-piece Jumbo Soft Blocks set. To win these blocks and a for a chance to win a grand prize for yourself, use 10 clues to track down small treasures. The clues will be provided on the morning of October 28th on the extension website (<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/>) and facebook page. Collect clues and then stop by the Cedar County Extension Office (107 Cedar St. Tipton) to enter in the drawing for a grand prize of \$100 certificate to Scheels and two tickets to the Iowa State versus Iowa Men's basketball game. You'll receive one entry for each clue located.

No time to hunt? Just stop by the office for our Open House 8 am-4 pm. You'll still get one entry into the drawing, one vote for Little Friends Preschool and enjoy some yummy treats and refreshments. Don't forget to sport your favorite team's colors!

What are your favorite Christmas songs? Do you hear and sing them enough during the Christmas season? January 1 is your opportunity to request songs to sing. The songs will be researched to discover their origin and scripture reading will tie them together. To request your favorite song, fill out the form below and we will pull together the favorites.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Advent/Christmas Song to Sing: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Group** will again this year be taking a trip to Horror On The Highway (new location for Terror In Timber)!

We will be going October 29th. Meeting at the church at 7 pm, traveling by church bus and parent volunteers, and returning afterwards to the church for pizza and games until 10 pm. Remember to invite friends; just be sure they have permission slip and money turned in.

We need a few things to make this successful:

1. We are asking each kid to bring \$5 which will cover a portion of their admission. The rest, and pizza cost will be paid by the Youth Group fund. If money is an issue, please talk to one of us and we can make it work for you.
2. Parent Volunteers: we need drivers to be sure everyone is safe, which is our top priority at all meetings. Please let us know if you can help. In order to transport our youth we do need a copy of your driving record. Can you please tell me by October 26th if you can drive so we can get your driving record on file. Thank you for understanding, safety is our first priority.
3. Pick up a permission slip from the church office and return it by October 28th. We need a count of kids ahead of time to have rides lined up and not lose anyone!

## Fundraiser for Taylor Miller November 5

A fundraiser dinner and silent auction for Taylor Miller is scheduled for 3:00-7:00 pm, Saturday, November 5 at Schneid's Bar and Grill in Lowden. Taylor is Sherry Willey's high school granddaughter, who worships with us often. She has ITP and has had numerous medical expenses. If you want to donate something for the silent auction or if you have questions, contact Melissa O'Howell at 563-357-8074 or Melissa Gottschalk at 563-650-8489.



*Pictured are some members of the Youth Group who put together Ingathering kits after lunch Sunday, Oct 23.*



## Schedule for Monthly Meetings:

5:30-7:00 Grades 5-7; 6:30-8:30 Grades 8-12. Common Supper is shared 6:30-7:00.

### November:

- 2 - Monthly Meeting
- 6 - Community Work Day.  
12:15-3:00. Lunch provided. Please RSVP to this event. All ages and abilities are welcome. We will be raking leaves and doing projects where we see they need to be done to serve others. Wear work clothes!
- 16 - Confirmation Team Building & Service 1:30-4:00

### December:

- 7 - Monthly Meeting
- 10 - Shared Blessings will be served by the Youth Group.
- 21 - Confirmation Team Building & Service 1:30-4:00
- 28 - Winter Fun Day. Times and location are weather dependent, hoping to leave town for a day of tubing!

### January:

- 4 - Monthly Meeting
- 13 - January 14th- Lock In at Church. Pastor Jenny has some great ideas on how to make this crazy fun and keep us all awake!
- 14 - Shared Blessings will be served by Youth Group, lets hope we can stay awake!

### February:

- 1 - Monthly Meeting
- 5 - 11:30 to 1:00. Chili Cook-off and Bake Sale Fundraiser for Youth Group. Perfect your chili recipes teens and compete for a great prize while raising money for our events.

### March:

- 1 - Monthly Meeting
- Spring Break Mission Trip to Louisiana



## Results of Snack and Stories

Thank you to all who attended the Snacks and Stories and to the folks who hosted the gatherings. It was a very fruitful time of learning about you all and for you to learn about one another. I am still planning to do up to three more, but wanted to share with you some of the insights from the gatherings before too much time passed. I asked the same five questions of each of the twelve groups, consisting of 5 to 15 people. Here is the rundown of trends I noticed.

When asked why are you a part of this church, here were the answers that dominated: Many grew up in the church or married someone from the church. Others joined because they had grown up Methodist and this is the church in town. I was glad to hear that some were there because of personal invitation or because of the openness of the people in the church. Ironically many said it was a welcoming church, while an equal number said it was cliquy and hard to get to know people.

Folks had the chance to share what bugs them about the church, and many responses were surprising. Did you know that when the renovation happened, there were folks that wanted to put in a shower for mission groups to use when they stay? It bugs many people that it did not happen. Some people think the sanctuary is too cluttered and inaccessible. It is also not very versatile for different worship experiences. Flags in the sanctuary came up with as many in favor of the flags as against them. The same holds true for the location of fellowship treats after worship—some like them in the Dining Room while just as many liked it in the Gathering Place. A common complaint among all groups was that much of the work is done by many of the same people volunteering their time. Shared worship and ministry spaces came up often, as it is difficult to use space that is not dedicated to just one ministry, as many of our spaces are.

When asked what the needs of the community are, there was great consensus around the following: a need for more children and youth programs, affordable and accessible housing for all ages and disabilities, concern for those in struggling marriages, the homeless, the hungry, and transportation for the elderly.

When asked what the Tipton First UMC is known for in the community, Shared Blessings came up first every time. That was followed by our children's and youth ministries and willingness to be in the community. The quality music offerings at the church was also a plus that was shared.

Then the groups had the chance to dream. I asked: If there were no limitations of money, time, people, etc., what would you like to see the church do and/or be? Here is what was shared: A space for Christian Chaos and the Chancel Choir to share musically on the same Sunday. Hire an organist, sanctuary repair, handicapped accessible altar area, and bat abatement, add staff, hire a youth director, and more young people in choir. Increase advertising budget and put in an outside LED sign. Add a shower so mission groups may stay as well as a washer and dryer installed to do laundry of the church. A new sound system with better hearing assist is needed. A slide thru dishwasher installed in the kitchen and electronic locks on doors. Handicapped accessible everywhere in and out of the church, including a larger elevator so caskets can ride up to sanctuary at funerals. Have a drive up space to the door on the east for accessibility, including an overhang for weather. More parking spaces, including handicapped. There is a desire for rooms painted with brighter colors, TV's in lower level for groups, more space on Sunday morning during the education hour, and a bus with air conditioning.

Then there were the dreams that were more ministry related: Emphasize quality in all areas of the church, and to figure out ways to connect youth beyond confirmation. Create an after school program and extend/expand Pre-school to include a daycare program. Do connectional things with other churches, especially an overseas mission trip. There is a desire that all will offer to serve and more will be in ministry at the church, instead of just worshipping on Sunday. Speaking of worship, there were a few who would like an alternative worship experience on a different day and/or time in an alternative setting. What would it look like if we expanded our youth ministry and also offered a parent night out ministry? How about a clothing pantry and expanded food pantry days and hours? There are those who would love it if a Men's group began to meet again, more GIGs, homework assistance, and a Mother's group during the day.

If you would like to see the entire list, I have copies available in the office. Again, thanks for the insight into who you are and what your dreams are.

-Blessings in Christ, Pastor Jenny



- 1 – Lisa Fleming, Carter Hill, Faith McGee, Kelly Wendel
- 3 – Sam Bierman, Becky Donohoe, Matthew Harper, Charles Miles
- 4 – Janet Anderson, Kim Cross, Katelyn DeWulf, Elizabeth Houstman, Jennifer Johnson, Raymond Stark, Marlin & Donna Wiskus
- 5 – Bradey Anderson, Cynthia Fitch
- 6 – Wylene & Larry Hostler
- 7 – Keylon Krenz
- 8 – Joseph Crock, Wylene Hostler, Karen Regennitter
- 9 – Cooper Boeve, Tina Jorgensen, Erica Shumaker, Melinda Stonebraker
- 10 – Tara Eisele, Caden Schmidt, Heidi Shumaker, Kyle Voss
- 11 – Alisha Hubler, Jenny Jackson, Edward Ketelsen, Dusty & Jennifer Johnson
- 13 – Owen Boldt, Kiley & Chris Schultz
- 15 – Mary Ehresman, Patti Seydel
- 16 – Dick & Connie Paul
- 18 – Zoe Stonebraker, Ken & Sherry Schmidt, Jan & Ruel Wehde
- 19 – Rich Zobel, Robert & JoAnne Johnston
- 20 – Peg Adams, Marvin Ford, Wayne Neville
- 21 – Jo Ann Beers, Elliot Cummins, Autumn Puffer
- 22 – Lucy Goodenow
- 23 – Ronald Martin
- 25 – Cheryl Person
- 26 – Steph Behne, Jack Cartwright, Ellen & Glenn Fear
- 27 – Jerod Wiskus
- 28 – Sara Webb, Brad & Jeanette Kirkpatrick
- 29 – Bailey Puffer, Kellie Rouse
- 30 – Kerri Nash

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

## Presence & Gifts from Sept.

**Worship:** 4-119, 11-137, 18-126, 25-120; **Average:** 126

**Sunday School:** 11-79, 18-98, 25-102; **Average:** 93

**General Fund:** 11,480.00, Sunday School: 26.50, Upper Room 5.25, Apportionments 115.00, College Connections 447.30, Leaving A Legacy 15.00, Shared Blessings 7.00, LF Preschool Teacher Salary 886.32, L.F. Preschool Director Salary 299.03, Missions 90.00, Seminary Fund 5,000.00, Copper Kettle 431.46, Mission Market 6.15, Ingathering 4.00, UMCOR 10.00,

**Grand Total: 18,796.51**

**Hospitalized/Procedures:** Chuck & Renate Lee (Berrie Glick's bro, sis-in-law)

**Healing:** Gary Davis (Penny Webb's dad), Thelma Elijah (Jerry's mom), Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Donna Gault, Bob Gould, Arlene Hein, Kathy Hein, Rex Idlewine, Carsten Kime, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, Jeff McKinney, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Cheryl Person, Mike Smith, Pam Spear, Dawn Spickermann, James Stock (Lorna Muller's bro), Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), Alberta Wagaman, and others under care or treatment.

### Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

All those affected by flooding and those who are called to help

Families of Dan Conrad, Waunita Wentzel, and all those experiencing loss

Comstock family

Deb and Mike Eisele as they move to Minnesota

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:** Linda (Kay Miller's sis), Cheryl Person

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Joe Cheshareck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

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

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



# November Sunday Servants

## **Liturgists** Twyla Hein – Coordinator

- 6 – Berrie Glick
- 13 – Pastor Jenny
- 20 – Twyla Hein
- 27 – Ron Salmonson

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

- 6 – Brian Heil create, Ryan Stonebraker run
- 13 – Becky Young create, Zoe Stonebraker run
- 20 – Carmen Hoffman
- 27 – Ken McKay create, Kelley Lieser run

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

- 6 – Don & Melissa Roth, Dixie Martin
- 13 – Becky & Bob Young, Ted & Deanna Licht
- 20 – Mike & Connie Smith, Karen & Scott Anderson
- 27 – Marvin & Kay Miller, Judy Ohrt

## **Greeters** Becky Young – Coordinator

- 6 – Karen & Heather Strefling
- 13 – Chris Schultz Family
- 20 – Gordan & Jan Esbeck
- 27 – Kent & Carmen Hoffman

## **Nursery** Office – Coordinator

- 6 – Jen Johnson
- 13 – Kamryn Chapman
- 20 – Cheryl Person
- 27 –

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

- 6 – Melinda Stonebraker
- 13 – Pastor Jenny
- 20 – Kris Clark
- 27 – Pastor Jenny

## **Ushers** Melinda Stonebraker – Coordinator

- 6 – 27 Bob & Glenda Holets, Barb & Bob Rickard

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

- 6 – Ken & Debbie McKay

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

- 6 – Owen & Emmett Steinman
- 13 – Jacob & Justin Boedeker
- 20 – Madison Elg & Lea Stonebraker
- 27 – Caden & Keaton Schultz

If you wish to volunteer to serve, please contact the coordinator listed or the church office.

Communion Stewards are needed for the 9:00pm Service December 24.

Contact Donna Gault or the church office to serve.

# Worship in November

Attending worship is an integral part of our discipleship and walk with Christ. I share these with you each month so that you will have the opportunity to read scripture ahead of time and start thinking about what God might say to you as you listen to the sermon and live out your calling. There are many different versions of the Bible, so that means there is not one RIGHT version, but the inspired word of God in a variety of voices. Read the one that suits you and brings you comfort, while still challenging you. As you look at the scriptures below, you will notice that the version is listed for each week. This is my attempt to provide the different voices of scripture for you.

We will be wrapping up our fall look at discipleship, which also includes stewardship. On November 13 we will revisit our call to live out our faith through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Believe it or not, Advent (the season leading up to Christmas) is just around the corner. We will kick off Advent Worship on Nov. 27 with the first sermon in the series, "The Redemption of Scrooge" (see pg. 4 for more information.) In the meantime, I hope to see you Sunday! - *Pastor Jenny*

**Nov. 6** "Living biblically"

**Scripture:** Luke 18: 18-30 (NRSV)

**Nov. 13** "How Will You Measure Your Life?"  
Holy Communion

**Scripture:** Romans 12: 9-21 (NIV)

**Nov. 20** "Boldly Go"

**Scripture:** Psalms 46 (The Message)

**Nov. 20** Thanksgiving Service at Calvary Four Square Church in Tipton 6:00 pm

**Nov. 27** "Bah! Humbug!"  
First Day of Advent

**Scripture:** Galatians 6: 1-10 (CEB)

**Dec. 4** "Remembering Christmases Past"  
Holy Communion

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

**Dec. 11** "Living Christmas Today"

**Dec. 18** Family Worship with Children's Christmas Program

**Dec. 24** "Hoping in Christmases To Come"  
Christmas Eve Worship

**4:30 pm** Family Worship with Candlelight

**9:00 pm** Worship with Communion and Candlelight

**Dec. 25** "Did I Miss Christmas Day?"

**10:30 am** Worship and Fellowship Following

# November Calendar



## Every Sunday

7:45 am Prayer  
8:30 am Choir Kids  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship with  
Snacks and Fellowship  
before and after

## Tuesday, November 1

1:00 pm GIG

## Wednesday, November 2

9:00 am Ministerium Prayer  
5:30 pm Youth Group  
6:00 pm Hand Chimes  
6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir

## Thursday, November 3

10:00 am GIG  
4:30 pm Grief Group  
6:30 pm Chaos

## Saturday, November 5

Thanksgiving Ingathering  
6:00 am-6:00 pm Prayer Vigil

## Sunday, November 6

Community Work Day  
3:00 pm IF:Local Mtg

## Monday, November 7

6:45 pm Missions Meeting

## Tuesday, November 8

1:00 pm GIG

## Wednesday, November 9

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

## Thursday, November 10

9:30 am Communion @ Cedar  
Manor  
10:00 am GIG  
4:30 pm Grief Group  
6:30 pm Chaos

## Saturday, November 12

11:00 am Shared Blessings Meal

## Sunday, November 13

1:30 pm Girl Scouts  
2:30 pm Kids for Christ  
6:00 pm Dominoes

## Monday, November 14

4:00 pm Little Friends Preschool  
Board

## Tuesday, November 15

1:00 pm GIG  
6:15 pm Girl Scouts 8196

## Wednesday, November 16

1:30 pm Confirmation  
6:00 pm Hand Chimes  
6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir  
8:00 pm Abigail Circle

## Thursday, November 17

10:00 am GIG  
4:30 pm Grief Group  
5:15 pm Girl Scouts 5302  
6:30 pm Trustees  
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

## Sunday, November 20

4:30 pm Church/Charge Conference  
6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving  
Worship

## Monday, November 21

4:30 pm Grief Group  
6:30 pm Chaos

## Tuesday, November 22

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

## Wednesday, November 23

12:00 am Newsletter Deadline  
1:30 pm Bible Study  
6:00 pm Hand Chimes  
6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir

## Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving

## Saturday, November 26

11:00 am Shared Blessings

## Monday, November 28

6:30 pm Chaos

## Tuesday, November 29

1:00 pm GIG

## Wednesday, November 30

8:00 am Holy Folders  
1:30 pm Bible Study  
6:00 pm Hand Chimes  
6:30 pm GIG  
7:00 pm Choir  
7:30 pm Leadership Council

Melinda is on vacation

Nov 1-4.

Pastor Jenny is at Walk to  
Emmaus Nov 4-6.



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## Select November Events (Complete calendar inside.)

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| Nov. 2 — Youth Group                  | Nov. 17 — Priscilla Cirle   |
| Nov. 5 — Prayer Vigil                 | Nov. 20 — Community Thanksgiving<br>Worship<br>Church/Charge Conference |
| Nov. 6 — Community Work Day           | Nov. 23 — Newsletter Articles Due                                       |
| Nov. 11 — Veteran's Day               | Nov. 24 — Thanksgiving  |
| Nov. 12 — Shared Blessings            | Nov. 26 — Shared Blessings  |
| Nov. 13 — Kids for Christ<br>Dominoes | Nov. 30 — Meeting of the Holy Folders<br>Leadership Council Meeting     |
| Nov. 16 — Abigail Circle              |   |



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