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United Methodist News

December 2016

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

Christmas Schedule

The **Children's Christmas Program** will be 10:30 am, Sunday, December 18. Mark your calendars and plan to attend to support our children as they lead! **All Church Christmas Potluck** will follow worship on the 18th. Bring a dish to share. Drinks and table service provided.

Blue Christmas Worship and Christmas Caroling are scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 18. Blue Christmas at 3pm (see page 8 for details) and Caroling at 5pm.

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

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

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*. Books are available in the church office. You are invited to join a group to study the book. Groups will be meeting at 9:00 am Sundays, 1:00 pm Tuesdays, 6:30 pm Wednesdays, and 10:00 am Thursdays. To join a group, contact the church office.



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**
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**
Ministers of Jesus Christ
in the World - **All the People of God!**



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Between Sundays ~ Thoughts from Pastor Jenny

I am excited to share our first Advent and Christmas together. About every five years Christmas lands on Sunday. This is one such year, and I am looking forward to Christmas morning worship with you. Before you go full bore into the holidays, I invite you to pause for a little while and consider what kind of Christmas season you want to have. Did you know that you even had a choice about how to spend your holidays?

The way I see it, there are two kinds of Christmases: the materialistic secular holiday season or the Christ-Centered holiday season. The materialistic Christmas consists of long lists of things to buy, things you want, and all the rushing around to make it happen. The Christ-Centered Christmas is one that remembers that Christmas is not YOUR birthday, but is Jesus's. I realize that some really enjoy giving to others, and that is fine. Just don't go overboard. And, if you are going to spend money on things, spend just as much money on those in need, for many will not even have enough money left over in the paycheck to feed their families at Christmas.

Advent Calendars are a fun way to count the days to Christmas. There are fun calendars that when opened provide the recipient with a trinket or piece of chocolate. I invite you to try something new this year, a Reverse Advent Calendar, which reminds 'kids of all ages' that giving is more rewarding than receiving.



Starting on Dec. 1, add something to the box/basket every day. When the "calendar" is full (Dec.23 - so you have time to deliver it), it can then be donated to the organization/family/person of your choice. In terms of the counting down, it's fun to put something in the box every day, and think of what someone might enjoy, find useful or need. Food banks can always use healthy and practical donations but remember it's fun to receive some chocolate Santas or sweet treats along with other staples. Baby-care items, personal-care items and feminine hygiene products are also in high demand, as are pet-supplies.

Other recipients may include:

- homeless shelter or a known homeless camp/person in your area
- domestic violence shelter or half-way house
- pet rescue organization
- school, library, daycare center or retirement community
- hospital or cancer center
- veteran's organization or active military personnel
- shut-in members or an elderly person in the community
- The possibilities are endless.

I invite you to gather your gifts to meet the needs of your chosen recipient. No matter what or to whom you are gifting, your heart will be filled with joy! An easy way to get started is to decorate 2 wine boxes with festive paper and leave it in a prominent place in the home for daily collections. (The bottle separators make 24 cubbies; one for each day.) No sectioned boxes available? That's ok – any box or basket will do just fine. The purpose is the joy of giving.

I hope you will choose to have a Christ-Centered holiday season as you bear one another's burdens.

-Blessings in Christ, Pastor Jenny



In daily life we must see that it is not happiness
that makes us grateful, but gratefulness
that makes us happy.

Brother David Steindl-Rast

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Angel Tree

Our church often receives requests for assistance throughout the year. To supplement the benevolence fund and assist numerous individuals and families this Christmas and into 2016, we are asking you to purchase gift cards/certificates. We are also in the process of identifying families with children needing assistance and will hang tags with their specific gift requests. Please consider your blessings and help as you're able.



Here's what you do...

1. Select ornament(s) for **gift cards(s) or requested gifts** you'd like to purchase off the Angel Trees located in the dining room and the Gathering Place. For gift cards, you purchase the requested gift cards for the amount you'd like to give, put the gift card in an envelope, write the amount of the card on the envelope and then attach it to the ornament. For requested gifts, please wrap the gift, attach the receipt to the ornament, and attach the ornament to the gift. Please only buy the number of items requested on the tag. We try to make sure each child gets about the same number of gifts.
2. If you'd prefer to donate **money**, write "Angel Tree" in the memo line of your check and put it in the offering plate.
3. **Please return gifts or financial contributions for the Angel Tree family to the church office by Sunday, December 18.** Gift cards for *general benevolence* may be returned as late as Christmas Eve.

Thank you for sharing God's love and helping to make Christmas brighter for our friends, neighbors, and strangers!

Celebrating Abundance for the Thanksgiving Ingathering

We exceeded our goal of putting together 125 kits for the Thanksgiving Ingathering and turned in 128 health kits, school kits, and layette kits on November 5. Thank you to all who participated in gathering items, sewing bags, and transporting the items to the Ingathering in Mt. Pleasant!

Christmas Offering

The Christmas offering will be used to pay our unfunded 2016 apportionments which empower the ministry of not only this church but the Church of Jesus Christ around the world. You may use the envelope enclosed in this newsletter or indicate "Christmas" on the memo line of your check. If you receive the newsletter via email, your offering envelopes will be at the back of the sanctuary.

Once our apportionments are fully funded, any remaining money will be applied to the church's Benevolence Fund, which is used for assisting people in Cedar County with anything from utilities to food assistance to transportation costs. Your offering may be given any time in December. May Jesus Christ be Praised!

Backpack Buddies

In January, our church will be responsible for packing the backpacks for the Backpack Buddies program at Trinity Lutheran Church. All the supplies will be furnished – we just need 3-4 people to fill the backpacks on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. Sign up through the registration insert in the Sunday bulletin or the sign-up sheet posted in the breezeway.



HELP NEEDED:

Looking for groups or individuals to help with Shared Blessings in 2017. Perhaps your GIG, coworkers, gym buddies, card club, your 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 Heather Streffling, Renee Mente or the church office if you would like to help.

No Shared Blessings December 24th

Many Shared Blessings "regulars" indicated no need for a meal on December 24, and no group signed up to serve, so there will not be Shared Blessings on December 24. Shared Blessings *will* still be served on December 31. Bring your friends and family to eat with the community. You'll be blessed!



But the angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid. I bring you
good news. It will bring great
joy for all the people. Today in
the town of David a Savior has
been born to you.

He is the Messiah,
the Lord..."

-Luke 2:10-11

Paul and Jane's address

For those of you wishing to send
Christmas greetings to Paul and
Jane, their address is: Jane Moen &
Paul Frederiksen, 222 West 4th
Street; Spencer, IA 51301.



Cookies and Candies

If you're baking this month, and
you're able to make a few extras,
please bring 2-3 dozen cookies or
candies to the church kitchen. Label
them "December Activities" and we
will use them for caroling, after
Christmas Eve and Blue Christmas
worship services, and for other special
Advent and Christmas activities.

Sunday, December 4, 2016

East Central District

Christmas Dinner

This dinner is for ALL in the East Central District
Dinner Hosted by Living Water United Methodist Church

1155 Grand Ave, Marion IA 52302

Reservations and checks -payable to Living Water- should be
sent to Living Water and not the EC District Office.

Fellowship begins at 4:30 pm with dinner to follow.

Cost is \$12.00 per meal.

Support Cedar Manor Foundation Expansion Fundraiser

Have you or your loved ones enjoyed the thrill of racing down a hill on a sled
and ending your day with some cookies and hot chocolate?

Did the hills of Cedar Manor provide you the perfect sledding location?

Did they seem much bigger as a child?

Personally, our committee can answer yes to all of the above!

We are beginning our expansion campaign with the sales of a personalized
hand painted sled. It will be perfect for a tree, holiday arrangement, or elf on
the shelf sled! These are unique hand painted treasures and only 100 will be
made for this fundraising event!

A donation of \$100 or more would allow you to have this keepsake of
your childhood and support our expansion campaign that will benefit our
community home and its residents for years to come.

To place your order for one of these limited keepsake ornamental sleds,
please contact Kathy Hillman at 563-886-6052.

On behalf of the Cedar Foundation Board of Directors, we thank you for your
generous support!

Community Soup Supper

December 10 – Donations needed

The Community Soup Supper, a fundraiser for the Tipton Ministerial
Association, our local food pantry, and Backpack Buddies, will be at
St. Mary's Hall, 4:00-8:00pm, Saturday, December 10, during Tipton's Tour
of Lights. We need your help in donating and preparing soups, sandwiches,
beverages, desserts, and disposable tableware. Volunteers are also needed for
setup, serving, and cleanup on December 10. If
you are interested in helping, please notify the
church office *and* Mike Boyle
(mike.boyle@ia.usda.gov) or Judy Archer
(886-6903). For a full list of items, needed, look
at the bulletin board outside the church office.

If you're able, make plans to eat at the soup
supper. \$7/adults; \$5/kids; 4 and under free.



IF:Tipton Women's Conference February 3-4, 2017 at UMC

Attention women, and those who love them: we will be hosting an IF:Local Gathering, Friday and Saturday, February 3-4. Times will be Friday from 6-9 and Saturday 9-5. To register: <https://register.ifgathering.com/event/iftipton-0>. 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.

Surviving the Holidays Seminar Dec 4

Are you grieving a Loved One?

Our GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar helps discover:

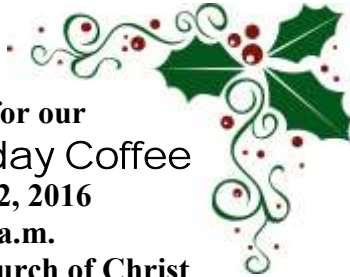
- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

Sunday, December 4, 2016 2-4pm
Lisbon United Methodist Church
200 E Market St. Lisbon, IA
Call to Register 319-455-2000
Cost \$5.00
LisbonIowaUMC.org



Journey to Bethlehem at Tipton UCC Dec 2

This Christmas season, we invite you to a holiday coffee during which we *Journey to Bethlehem*. Following the program there will be warm fellowship, pastries, and delicious foods that we have loved from the past. Feel welcome to bring friends.



**Join us for our
Annual Holiday Coffee
Fri, Dec 2, 2016
10:00 a.m.
First United Church of Christ
600 Mulberry St, Tipton, Iowa
563-886-6361**

There will be no
Sunday School on
December 25 and on
January 1.

Regular Sunday Schedule

- 7:45 Prayer
- 8:30 Choir Kids Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 Preschool-HS Sunday School
- 9:00 Adult Sunday School & GIGs throughout the building
- 10:00 Snacks in Gathering Place
- 10:30 Worship with Fellowship after in the dining room

Can't Make it to Worship?

Visit the Website.

Weekly Sermons and Bulletins are posted at tiptonumc.org. If you miss worship, catch up at the website tiptonumc.org. If you want to give online, that is available at the website too.

Leadership in January, 2017

- Jan. 15: Commissioning all 2017 Leaders in worship, 10:30 am
- Jan. 18: Leadership Council Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Jan. 29: District Leadership Training Cedar Rapids, Salem 1:30 to 5:00 pm

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

—W.T. Purkiser

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, our church’s mission statement, includes serving in the nursery. A good nursery experience, for both child and parent can make a difference in whether or not a family is able to attend worship. We are in need of regular nursery volunteers. Specifically, we need nursery volunteers for Worship in December. See page 10 for all the opportunities. If you are able to branch out and bear fruit by serving in the nursery, please contact the church office.



Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month

From 1:00-3:00 pm, Tuesday, December 6, Tipton UMC is hosting an open house for Family Resources’ support group for Survivors of Homicide and other Violent Crimes. The open house will be in the Gathering Place. If you or someone you know would like to meet the staff, please plan to attend. The group’s goal is to educate and raise awareness while creating peace and community partnerships for survivors in the following counties served: Clinton, Jackson, Louisa, Muscatine, Cedar, and Scott. For more information, contact Laurel at 563-468-2295.

Sunday Snacks Needed

We’ve started serving a few snacks between Sunday School and Worship because we all feel better and are able to behave better when we aren’t hungry, especially our youngest worshippers. Many of our youngest arrive by 8:30 each Sunday morning. If you are willing to donate to this ministry, please bring packaged snacks; either packaged from the store or individually packaged at home. We are also accepting donations toward purchase of



snacks, mark you check with “Sunday School Snacks”. The snack table in the Gathering Place has a signup sheet for setting up and cleaning up from snacks. Instructions are provided. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Pastoral Care Needs

I have been serving as your pastor for five months now. I have met a lot of you and am still trying to learn names. I know there are those in need of a pastoral visit. If you would like me to visit with you in your home or at the church, please contact the church office at 563-866-2331 to set up a time in the next month or so. I will do my best to visit. I would love to get to know you all better and to hear your stories of life and faith. –Pastor Jenny

Serving Christ on staff at First UMC is a joy!

There are those who work where you can see, and others who do much of the work behind the scenes. Some are paid, and others serve without compensation. Please show them some love and pray for them this Christmas and into 2017.

Merry Christmas from your church staff!

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| Greg Brown | Denise Cartwright | Megan Coppess |
| Alice Ann Gallagher | Don Griffith | Jess Goodenow |
| Melinda Stonebraker | Becky Young | Jenny Seylar |
| Dee Wallace | | |

Inclement Weather Announcements

In case of inclement winter weather, worship may be cancelled. Please tune in to KCRG for cancellations, or check the church website at tiptonumc.org. If school is cancelled for weather, all church meetings and activities will be cancelled.



Confirmation

Confirmation students prepared food for Shared Blessings, then went out to play on the pretty fall day.



Sunday School Mission Mania

The mission project for the classes for November and December has been to collect food for our church's food pantry. The challenge is to have enough food donated that we can stack it clear up to the balcony. After one month it looks like they are half way there! If you would like to help with this mission, please drop off your food donation to the basket in the Gathering Place and the kids will add it to the stack.



YOUth Monthly Meeting, December 7 For this meeting, we will have Shared Blessings come in and do a quick talk on the program and the need in our town. We will then do some prep work for the meal on the December 10. We will be doing a White Elephant gift exchange, so have them bring something along to join the fun! Menu that night was request of the kids, baked potato bar. If you are able to donate to the meal please let us know! We then have some fun Christmas games to play. For this meeting we are asking each person to bring with them: a wrapped White elephant gift (a new \$5 or less OR a gently used item) and a food donation to UMC food pantry. Still come if you don't have the gift or food.

Shared Blessings, December 10 (9-1) Youth group will be preparing and serving Shared Blessings for the community. If you are able to help, let us know. We have time slots of 9:00-11:00am, which is the prep time, and 11:00am-1:00pm serving and clean up time. Shared Blessings is such a great bonding between the kids doing the work, and a great way to serve the community. Parents are welcome to join also!

Winter Fun Day, December 28 Plan on a day of fun with youth group this day! We will make plans as we get closer to the day, and know the snow conditions. An email will be sent and information in the youth room as it approaches. We are hoping to leave town this day, so adult chaperones will be needed.

January Monthly Meeting, JANUARY 11, this is a date change due to school just starting back on the 4th.

Schedule for Monthly Youth Meetings:

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

December (see more at left):

- 7 - Monthly Meeting
- 10 - Shared Blessings will be served by the Youth Group.
- 28 - Winter Fun Day. Times and location are weather dependent, hoping to leave town for a day of tubing!

January:

- 11 - Monthly Meeting
- 13-14 - 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. Let's 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



Kids for Christ

Sunday, December 11

2:30 to 4:30

All ages are welcome!



Blue Christmas Worship Service 3:00 pm December 18

Cries of “Merry Christmas!” and non-stop Christmas music contrast sharply with the feelings of despair many people have at this time of year. For those suffering from recent or impending death of loved ones, the grief of major life changes, or for those whose families are in crisis from job loss, divorce, or other predicaments, these holidays can seem isolating and even dreary. Every greeting and song reminds the grief-stricken of how unhappy life is at the moment.

Recognizing that not all people are able to celebrate joyously this Christmas, we are offering the opportunity to gather in order to name the grief, and to discover again the God whose love speaks to us even in the toughest times. Even through sorrow, Christ brings Light to the darkness.

Please share this with your friends and family so that those in need are able to attend. If you have questions about this service, contact Pastor Jenny.



Advent Worship: The Redemption of Scrooge

We kicked off our Advent Worship on November 27 with the first sermon in the series, “The Redemption of Scrooge” (see pg. 1 for more information.) This study takes pop culture and seeks to find the Divine among the ordinary things in life. After all, “Through Jesus, God put on flesh and walked among us, in our world, in order to re-narrate what it means to be a child of God” (*Redemption of Scrooge*, pg 12).

Each week in worship we will see a short clip from A CHRISTMAS CAROL (a variety of film versions) and discover how God is speaking to us through the troubled character of Ebenezer Scrooge. In addition, each Sunday we will be lighting the Advent Candles, sharing special Christmas music, and celebrating our children in worship on Dec. 18 for the Christmas program. I hope you will make worship this Advent season a priority. See you Sunday!

- Pastor Jenny

Dec. 4 “Remembering Christmases Past”
Holy Communion

Scripture: Matthew 6: 25-33 (NRSV)

Dec. 11 “Living Christmas Today”

Scripture: Matthew 20: 1-16 (NIV)

Dec. 18 Family Worship with Children’s Christmas Program (10:30 am)

Dec. 18 Blue Christmas Worship, 3:00 pm (see article on the left of this page)

Dec. 24 **4:30 and 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship**
“Hoping in Christmases to Come”
Holy Communion

Dec. 25 “Is It Still Christmas?” (10:30 am)

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 1-10 (NIV)

Jan. 1 “Celebrating The Twelve Days of Christmas” (10:30 am)
Hymn Sing: Please help plan worship by completing the form below.



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:

- 1 – Phillip Hargrave, Kinley Jo Williams, Ferris & Red Davis
- 3 – Abby Cummins-VanScoy
- 5 – Mike Eisele, Teri Ford
- 6 – Courtney Klouda, Morgan Lanning
- 7 – Amanda Paul
- 8 – Gordon Esbeck
- 9 – Mark Lukemyres
- 10 – Cassidy Eicher, Christopher McKinney, Kay Miller
- 12 – Jason & Hannah Brown, Deb & Ken McKay
- 13 – Nancy Burroughs
- 14 – Dawson Mente, Judy Ohrt, Colbie Schultz, Corby & Angela Swick
- 15 – Adam Calonder, Bobbie Lieser
- 16 – Kingston Person
- 17 – Kris Kuehl, Dustin Morden
- 18 – Jim Jorgensen, Keaton Schultz, Caden Schultz, Nathen & Kim Anderson
- 19 – Lonnie Krenz
- 20 – Drew Oberfrank, Jada Schmidt, Josie Slach
- 21 – Steven Eiler, Derek Nebergall, Lea Stonebraker
- 23 – Cameron Wallick
- 24 – Scott Anderson
- 25 – Allan Baird, Ron Burroughs, Todd Swick
- 26 – Red Davis, Greg Royer, Ryne Schroeder
- 27 – Corina Lanning, Judy Rouse
- 28 – Les Boots, Tucker Ormsby
- 29 – Marjorie Stonerook
- 30 – Jenny Boldt, Carly Paustian, Connie & Mike Semotan
- 31 – Lisa Allen, Noah Johnson, Jen Royer, Irene Wood

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



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

Healing: Christina Eicher’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), Mike Smith, Pam Spear, Dawn Spickermann, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson’s bro), Alberta Wagaman, Jon Williams, 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 and Friends of Mitch McCrae, Stella Gardener, and all 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)

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

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and has made the Lord his hope and confidence.

— Jeremiah 17:7

December Sunday Servants

Communion Stewards Donna Gault – Coordinator
4 – Bev Ehresman

Liturgists Twyla Hein – Coordinator
4 – Pastor Jenny
11 – Kathy Houstman
18 – Children’s Christmas Program
24 – Pastor Jenny
25 – Judy Rouse

Power Point Becky Young – Coordinator
4 – Brian Heil create, Melinda Stonebraker run
11 – Trina and Landan Hill
18 – Zoe Stonebraker
24 – Zoe Stonebraker (4:30), Ethan Seylar (9:00pm)
25 – Becky Young create, Jesse Lieser run

Snacks (between Sunday School & Worship)
4 – Volunteer Needed
11 – Confirmation Class
18 – Volunteer Needed
24&25 – No Snacks

Fellowship Coffee (after Worship)
Barb R. & Judy O. – Coordinators
4 – Ken & Lorna Muller, Cheryl & Steve Person
11 – Rosalyn Hill & Gary Eichhorn, Ron & Laura Hembry
18 – Rosalyn Hill & Gary Eichhorn, Landan & Carter Hill, Bob & Glenda Holets
25 – Judy Ohrt, Angie Keller, Alice Daufeldt

Greeters Becky Young – Coordinator
4 – Dusty Johnson Family
11 – Rich & Kiaya Rickard-Urban
18 – Bob & Glenda Holets
24 – (4:30) Bob & Becky Young
24 – (9:00) Mike Eisele Family
25 – Kevin Spickerman Family

Nursery Office – Coordinator
4 – Jen Johnson
11 – Zoe Stonebraker
18 – Volunteer Needed
24 – (4:30) Volunteer Needed
24 – (9:00) No Nursery
25 – No Nursery

Children’s Lesson Office – Coordinator
4 – Dusty Johnson
11 – Gail Fleming
18 – Children’s Christmas Program
25 – Pastor Jenny

Ushers Melinda Stonebraker – Coordinator
4 & 11 – Ted & Deanna Licht, Larry & Kathy Houstman
18 – Karen Strefling, Lary Glick, Bob Young
24 – (4:30) Ryan Stonbraker Family
24 – (9:00) Mike Eisele Family
25 – Krista Clark, Larry & Kathy Houstman

Acolytes – Kim Walter – Coordinator
4 – Meredith Coppess & Alicia Walter
11 – Noah Johnson & Jenae Walter
18 – Margaret O’Leary & Molly Chapman
24 – Volunteers
25 – Volunteers

Advent Readers
4 – Ted, Deanna, Steven Licht
11 – Scott & Karen Anderson Family
18 – Cole & Jess Goodenow Family
24 – (4:30) Mindy Williams & Family
24 – (9:00) Ron & Lois Salmonson

Presence & Gifts

October Final: Worship: 2-127, 9-142, 16-113, 23-142, 30-141; Average for Worship: 133
Sunday School: 2-94, 9-89, 16-89, 23-88, 30-85;
Average for Sunday School 89
Offering \$55.25.

General Fund \$14,156.96, Upper Room 6.25, Apportionments 165.00, Leaving A Legacy 15.00, Marriage on Tap 125.00, Shared Blessings 25.00, LF Preschool Teacher Salary 886.32, L.F. Preschool Director Salary 299.03, Missions 90.00, Kitchen Fund 250.00, Copper Kettle 221.23, Missions Soup Luncheon 450.00, Thanksgiving Offering 215.00, Blanket Sunday 294.54, Mission Market 27.90, Ingathering 20.00, UMCOR 75.00, BUS 16.00,
Grand Total \$17,338.23

November through 11/22: Worship: 6- 117, 13-135, 20-116; Average so far 123; Sunday School: 6-93, 13-80, 20-83; Average so far 87; Offering so far \$33.00.

General Fund \$8,515.69, Upper Room 1.01, Apportionments 135.00, Leaving A Legacy 15.00, GIG Books 70.00, Marriage on Tap 245.00, Shared Blessings 7.00, Missions 65.00, Kitchen Fund 100.00, Copper Kettle 167.15, Mission Work Trip 25.00, Thanksgiving Offering 180.00, Missions Comm. Work Day 45.00, Mission Market 12.00, Ingathering 5.00, UMCOR 10.00,
Grand Total so far: \$9,597.85

December Calendar



Thursday, December 1

10:00 am GIG
6:00 pm SPRC

Saturday, December 3

8:00 am Cooking Class

Sunday, December 4

3:00 pm Worship @ Cedar Manor

Monday, December 5

6:30 pm Chaos
6:45 pm Missions Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

1:00 pm GIG
1:00 pm Survivors of homicide and
other violent crimes open house

Wednesday, December 7

5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm Hand Chimes
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, December 8

9:30 am Communion @ Cedar
Manor
10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal
8:00 pm Creative Worship

Saturday, December 10

11:00 am Shared Blessings Meal
(Youth Group)

Sunday, December 11

2:30 pm Kids for Christ
6:00 pm Dominoes
7:00 pm IF:Tipton Mtg

Monday, December 12

6:30 pm Chaos

Tuesday, December 13

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

Wednesday, December 14

10:00 am LFP Chapel
1:30 pm Bible Study
4:30 pm Girl Scouts 4231
6:00 pm Hand Chimes
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Choir
7:30 pm Leadership Council
8:00 pm Abigail Circle

Thursday, December 15

10:00 am GIG
10:00 am LFP Chapel
5:15 pm Girl Scouts 5302
6:00 pm Priscilla Circle
6:30 pm Trustees

Friday, December 16

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, December 18

10:30 am Children's Christmas
Program and All Church
Potluck following
3:00 pm Blue Christmas Service
5:00 pm Caroling

Monday, December 19

4:30 pm Circle of Friends
(Grief Group)

Tuesday, December 20

1:00 pm GIG

Wednesday, December 21

4:30 pm Girl Scouts 4231
6:00 pm Hand Chimes
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, December 22

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos

Saturday, December 24

4:30 pm Family Christmas Eve
Worship with Candlelight and
Communion
9:00 pm Candlelight Communion
Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 25

Merry Christmas!!
Worship at 10:30 am with
fellowship following

Tuesday, December 27

1:00 pm GIG

Wednesday, December 28

Youth Group Winter Fun Day
8:00 am Holy Folders
1:30 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Hand Chimes
6:30 pm GIG
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, December 29

10:00 am GIG

Saturday, December 31

11:00 am Shared Blessings



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December Events

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| Dec. 3 — Cooking Class | Dec. 16 — Newsletter Articles Due |
| Dec. 4 — Worship at Cedar Manor | Dec. 18 — Blue Christmas Service
Caroling |
| Dec. 7 — Youth Group | Dec. 19 — Circle of Friends |
| Dec. 10 — Shared Blessings | Dec. 24 — Family Christmas Service
Candlelight Service |
| Dec. 11 — Kids for Christ
Dominoes
IF:Tipton Meeting | Dec. 28 — Meeting of the Holy Folders
Youth Group |
| Dec. 14 — Abigail Circle | Dec. 31 — Shared Blessings |
| Dec. 15 — Priscilla Circle | |



Mission Statement:
Tipton First United Methodist Church

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