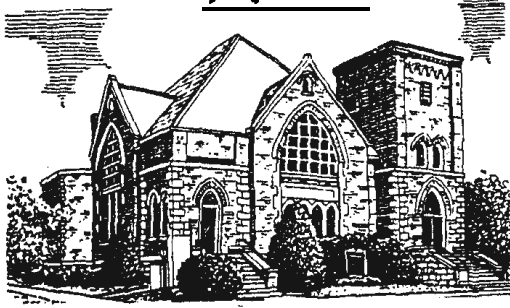


United Methodist News



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March 2014

March Events

Mar. 2 — Camp Sunday

Mar. 5 — Ash Wednesday
YOUth Group

Mar. 9 — Kids For Christ
Daylight Savings

Mar. 16 — Abigail Potato Buffet

Mar. 17-21 — Tipton Spring Break

Mar. 18 — Newsletter Articles Due

Mar. 26 — Meeting of Holy Folders

Praise
the
Lord

Summer Church Camps

It's time to mark your calendar and register for Summer Church Camp. www.iaumc.org/camps or 1-800-765-1651. Iowa UM Conference Camp Catalogs are now available; and the camps are also on the website. If you want to go on the 'net to register but don't have that capability at home you may come to the church and use one of the machines here when the office is staffed – usually mornings. Call for other times.

As a reminder of the usual camp scholarship:

The United Methodist Women (UMW) will pay half, or up to \$100, for any child attending a United Methodist Church camp. Campers wishing a stipend for a campership are

asked to submit a written request to the UMW President prior to the time of the camp.



If the cost of registration is still prohibitive and may prevent a youngster from going to camp, talk to Pastor Paul about some other options.

COLLEGE-AGE JOBS!!! Caring Christians at least 18 years old are needed at the three Iowa UM Camps to serve through the summer as counselors, nurses, cooks, life-guards, office workers, canoe instructors, maintenance, photographer, teachers, horse wranglers... Contact the campsite at which you'd like to work:

Okoboji – bryan@campokoboji.org

Pictured Rocks – Patric.Newton@iaumc.org

Wesley Woods – wesleywoods.camp@iaumc.org

“Close the Windows”

So far we have \$665.00 cash or pledges to “close the windows” in the Education Wing. Each window will cost \$650 to replace! We'll remove these great 1965 single-pane windows and replace them with efficient double-hung with a transom at the top.

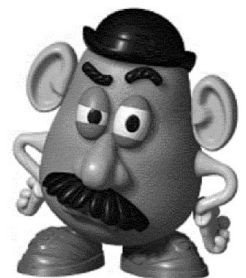


Abigail Circle's Baked Potato Buffet

March 16th — Right after worship

Baked Potatoes and All the Fixings
Homemade Salads and Desserts

Free will offering.





WHY?

The **Healthy Church Initiative** has given me, and I hope you too, reason to consider **WHY?** Why should we be concerned about the health of a local congregation? Why would the world care about the health of a local church? Why does Tipton need the United Methodist Church? Why does God care about this little church in the Midwest? Why should we expend energy, emotion and time to make this church more fruitful?

In one of those moods when I was wondering if the preparation for the Consultation would be worth it, I received an email from a church coach. The author gave 6 reasons the Local Church is important:

- 1. A local church helped set the trajectory of my life.** *I decided to follow Jesus with my life at a local church. My best friends were members of that same church. I met my wife at that church.*
- 2. Jesus said, and told Peter, He would build His church.** *There was a guy who was dead and came back to life. I'm going to hitch up to his construction crew and help build what He's building.*

There was a mother mouse who decided to teach her children about the world. So she gathered all of her little mice and set out for a walk. They walked down the hall and turned to the right. Then they went down the hall and took another right. And suddenly they found themselves in front of the family cat dozing in the sunlight. The mother mouse was scared. But she didn't want to give in to her fright. So she signaled to the children to be very quiet and to follow as she began to tip toe quietly and slowly past the sleeping cat. Just as she was about to get past the cat, the cat's eyes popped open and raised its paw.

The little mice were petrified. What would their mother do? Well, just as the cat's paw started to come down, that mother mouse looked the cat right in the eye and started barking like a dog. And do you know what? The cat was so startled and frightened that it jumped up and ran away! The mother mouse, wiped

3. Churches come in all shapes and sizes. *All of them are important and each of them matters. I know there is still work to do, but local congregations all over the world reflect heaven and their community at the same time.*

4. The church is the closest representation of Jesus we have on earth. *When a local church loves and serves their community, worships wholeheartedly, and gives generously, it's a very real picture of Jesus.*

5. Every church member is family. *They might be more like the crazy great Uncle, but it's family nevertheless.*

6. Most pastors are selfless servants who want to make a difference. *Most pastors are amazing, humble, selfless leaders who love Jesus and love their communities.*

Maybe this gives you an opportunity to reflect on not only the blessings past but how is it God might desire to go through the Church, and Tipton 1st UM Church, to do a "new thing" today?!

*her brow, shook a little and then turned to her little mice and said, "Children, I hope you learned a valuable lesson. Sometimes it's good to know a second language!" (Billy D. Strayhorn, *The Salt and Light Brigade*)*

Christians have a '2nd language.' It's the language of the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:1-12.) It's salt and light in a bland and dark world. It's being grace in the midst of guilt, shame and blame. It's forgiveness to a person condemned. It's a word of kindness in a mean context; patience when all around people are in a hurry.

The nice thing about a Christian's '2nd language' is that every one, **every** one can, if they try really hard, speak it!

And every one, **every** one, needs to 'hear' it!

Pastor Paul

Missions

At our most recent meeting, the Missions team discussed the article, "Mission Engagement: Changes Congregations Are Facing Today" written by Lovett Weems, Jr. We liked his message and want to share highlights with you.

Clergy & laity often say mission engagement is where God is most alive and working in their congregations. However, their definition of "missions" is NOT the mission work done somewhere by others and paid for by congregations. Instead, they are thinking of churches for whom local mission work is far more developed and vital and they have a strong mission outreach with a significant global and national component.

Churches today are more likely to have a personal connection to much of their mission. Hands-on involvement is important.

Mission is seen not as what you do FOR the community but what you do WITH the community. Churches see themselves as part of the community. The goal of mission is an enhanced community where all have the chance to experience the abundant life God desires. This goal is achieved when missional efforts emphasize the importance of building relationships, not just performing tasks or writing checks.

Vital churches today are often partnering with other churches or organizations to serve their neighbors better.

There is growing evidence to suggest that younger adults are often first attracted to a church's mission activities. Mission brings people together across generational, denominational, racial, social and political groups.

To some extent the article affirms much of what 1st UMC-Tipton is attempting to do through projects such as our annual work trip, Shared Blessings, etc. But there is also the challenge for individuals of the church to do more to shape the community with the Spirit of Jesus. As the Missions Team continues to discern God's call, we encourage each of you to prayerfully consider what needs exist and how you might be more actively involved and intentional in developing relationships with our community and beyond.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper – March 4

Stop by the church for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, and homemade applesauce on **Tuesday, March 4 anytime between 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** A freewill offering will be taken and any profits will support mission projects. Bring your family and friends!



If you would like to donate food or help with set-up, cooking, serving or clean-up for the pancake supper, additional help is needed. Contact the church office or sign up on the registration insert in the Sunday bulletin. Thanks!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Be There. Be Hope.

Our church is collecting the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering on March 16.** Join United Methodists everywhere by participating in this special offering that supports United Methodist Committee On Relief's (UMCOR) vital work. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to seek justice and mercy for suffering people everywhere.

You can be assured that when catastrophes cause suffering, your church, impelled by Jesus' love and compassion, will be in the lead to ease the pain. UMCOR is known not only for responding when disasters strike, but also know for staying to assist survivors in rebuilding their lives. From responding in disaster, fighting hunger, alleviating poverty, providing relief supplies around the world and offering hospitality to immigrants and refugees, we are hope for millions around the world.

Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." That helps us keep our promise that 100 percent of every other gift you make to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project, not on home office costs. Please join United Methodists world-wide by making a special offering to support UMCOR's humanitarian aid. Please give generously on March 16 or anytime this month using the envelope in this newsletter!





March Circle Meetings

Abigail — Wed., March 19th at 8:00 p.m.

Mary Martha — Fri., March 21st at 1:30 p.m.

Priscilla — Thurs., March 27th at 7:00 p.m.



Thanks to all who supported the Caring Ministry Souper Bowl lunch on Feb 2nd. A total of \$382 was raised to support Caring Ministry projects. Your generosity and support of Caring Ministries is greatly appreciated! To learn more about the Caring Ministry projects, a summary of 2013 projects may be found in the fellowship room. If you are interested in getting involved in Caring Ministries, contact the church office.

Teddy Bear Ministry

Sound intriguing? Want to find out more? Be looking for more information that will be coming soon!



*And whatever you do,
in word or deed, do
everything in the name of
the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father
through him. Colossians 3:17*

Healing: Phyllis Behrens, Linda Black(J. Keller's sis), Bonnie Bryden, Allan Charette, Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Joann Chizek, Dori (C. Person's sis), Dick Hall, Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Edna Miller (Judy Ohrt's sister), Tim Montgomery, Mandy Ohrt (Judy's sister), Doug Speer (Staci's father), Val-lie Stone (V.Daniel's father), Gary Taylor, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions
Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.
Families struggling with the impacts of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.
Couples/Families searching for the way forward.
Persons & families of incarceration;
Persons in employment limbo;

In Treatment: Alec Amosson, Jim Ehresman, Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis), Sarah Ann Wellendorf (F. Kuehl's sis)

Hospice/Palliative Care: Gene Weih, Tom Durnan (T. Nau's father), Betty Wright

Armed Services: Sean Hannes, Billy Hoffman, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby, Mike Ploeger (McKinney's Nephew), Jake Reidel, Cole Weih



GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts members are invited to worship on March 9th. During the service current Girl Scouts will be asked to come to the front of the sanctuary. The Girl Scouts and alumni in the pews will recite the Girl Scouts Promise. In order for this event to take place we need an RSVP from current Girl Scout members. Contact the office at 563-886-2331 or office@tiptonumc.org.

**Newsletter articles are due
Tues., March 18th.**

**Meeting of the Holy Folders is
Wed., March 26th.**

Holy Folders fold the newsletter, spreading God's and our Church's news!

Nurturing Faith 24/7

Help your family to grow spiritually during the Lenten season by trying one of the following activities:

Make a “Lenten Giving Box”. Any kind of container (i.e. shoebox, milk jug) will work. Place the container in a prominent place in your house. Have your family put loose change into it on a daily basis. Bring the container with you to worship on Easter Sunday.



Help to teach all family members the importance of giving.



Consider purchasing a flower bulb (such as an amaryllis, crocus, or hyacinth) at the beginning of Lent (March 5). Throughout the Lenten season, the bulb will send out a shoot and usually will bloom toward the end of Lent. This symbolizes the new life coming.

Select an activity your family will “take on” during the Lenten season. For example, your family could “adopt” someone who is living alone, homebound, living in the nursing home or not active in a church. Each week, your family could do something for that person or family – visit them, draw pictures, bake treats, write notes, pray regularly for them, etc.



Spend time with your family going through clothing, household items, or toys no longer being used. Decide which items you’d like to donate to the church rummage sale being held in early May. Proceeds from the rummage sale will be used to support mission work trips and local mission projects.



Brian & Mary Jo Heil and Ted Licht are served a wonderful dinner by Erica Shumaker at the 2nd Annual YOUth Valentine's Dinner.



Kids for Christ Sunday, March 9 2:30 - 4:30

EVERYONE is invited to attend and bring a friend. We will meet at the church for crafts, visit and entertain our friends at Cedar Manor, and return for snacks. This is an opportunity to share Christ’s love and have fun doing so. Helpers and drivers needed and blessed. For more information, please contact Denise Cartwright.

WALK TO EMMAUS

A Free Gift for Yourself and Those You Care About

Date	Walk	Location
03/20/2014 - 03/23/2014	<u>Men's Walk #159</u>	<u>Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca</u>
04/03/2014 - 04/06/2014	<u>Women's Walk #160</u>	<u>Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca</u>
10/16/2014 - 10/19/2014	<u>Men's Walk #161</u>	<u>TBD</u>
11/06/2014 - 11/09/2014	<u>Women's Walk #162</u>	<u>TBD</u>

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

First United Methodist Church ENDOWMENT FUND

1st UMC has a modest Endowment Fund, from which interest income is received annually. 2013 income amounted to \$421.35. That income is divided three ways:

30% Missions: people projects, local to international;

30% Maintenance: repairs, major improvements, special objects or furnishings;

40% Ministries: enhancements, education, communication, evangelism, worship

The purpose of the Endowment is:

For charitable purposes of the church with its prime objectives being the promotion and development of religious, charitable and educational activities; and for non-recurring purposes NOT REGULARLY BUDGETED. (The caps are in the original document!)

The guidelines of the Endowment state:

"Needs in the above areas are ever present. Chairpersons of the committees... will submit their plans for the funding at the March Leadership Council (LC) meeting. The LC will approve all spending plans.... Funds may be accumulated if... it takes more than a year to plan and implement or it takes more than a year to raise enough funds to do the project."

It is preferred that requests come from a work area or committee of the church, but requests from individuals are also received and valued. The date of the March Leadership Council meeting is the 12th. After that date the next access to Endowment Funds is March 2015. Submit your requests, in writing, to Kathy Houstman, the pastor or the church office before 8:00 a.m. March 12!

*Let the heavens be glad
and let the earth rejoice;
and let men say
among the nations,
The Lord reigns!*

1 Chronicles 16: 31

Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

For schedule and information of nation-wide Academies, go to the Five Day Spiritual Formation website of the Upper Room: <http://academy.upperroom.org/events/five-day-academies>. Here's one that might be closest to Iowa this year:

Nebraska Five Day Academy

Schuyler, Nebraska

St. Benedict Center

April 27 - May 2, 2014

Faculty & Topics:

Dr. Wil Hernandez, "The Spirituality of Henry Nouwen"

Dr. Roberta Bondi: presenting "Desert Mothers and Fathers"

Contact: Retreat Leader, Russ Terman-White,
rterman@umcneb.org

Sponsors: Nebraska Annual Conference of the UMC and Upper Room Ministries

[Nebraska Five Day Facebook site](#)

Seminary and College Scholarships Available

Scholarships are available through the Iowa United Methodist Foundation for students from Iowa who are planning to attend a university, college or vocational institution. Visit www.iumpf.org and click 'Scholarships' for more information and application forms for the 2014/2015 Academic Year Iowa United Methodist Scholarships. **All scholarship applications and any required information must be postmarked by March 15.**

News of the People

Married:

Hannah and Todd Smith re-affirmed their marriage vows on their 1st anniversary, Feb. 1. Keep working, every day, to be more married at the end of the day than you are at the beginning!

Graduate:

Jason Brown graduated from Iowa State University in December. Way to go, Jason!

Leadership Council

According to The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2012, the purpose of the Leadership Council:

‘Shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference.’

The agendas of 1st UMC-Tipton Leadership Council meetings give primary time and emphasis to the mission and ministries of the church. We’re not sure what’s the chicken and what’s the egg, but we have not been ‘forced’ to spend a lot of time hand-wringing over which bills to pay first; or even which bills not to pay at all!! Thanks to every person who has, by giving of time and talents, freed this group to be vision-oriented!

This group is also expected to do periodic membership reviews. If our records say we have 457 members (last I heard) and we have an average worship attendance of 125 to 130, then what is our definition of “active member?” How might we do better at “making disciples” for Jesus Christ? Are we sending people into the community to make a difference? Are there areas of potential ministry that God may be expecting 1st UMC to be the hands and feet of Jesus on the street?

Leadership Council is a worshipping body. Every meeting includes worship, which serves to remind us whose work we do and who we need to seek to please.

It is also a learning group, spending some time in every meeting growing skills for the tasks God calls us. It is a goal that after serving a term on the Leadership Council that any person would be more confident of their faith and gifts for service in the church and beyond.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Full Members Dec. 31	509	497	465	~ 468	470	470	459	469
Members Received	11	21	2	29	7	18	17	17
Members Removed	19	33	34	~ 26	7	18	17	3
Average worship attendance	147	138	131	131	137	133	128	119
Baptisms	9	10	2	7	6	6	3	9
Funerals	6	10	13	10	13	12	11	6
Weddings	4	4	2	4	7	3	3	4
S.S. average attendance	61	65	63	69	71	75	76	72

Family Ministry Opportunity

A representative from Horizons of Cedar Rapids called a couple months ago. They have a program called “Survivors Program” that, among other things, provides hospitality for families involved in court cases involving a homicide. She asked if 1st UMC-Tipton would be the contact point for such a need if the Cedar County Courthouse would ever be the site of such a trial.

The way it operates is that we would prepare a meal, to be served either at the courthouse or the church [at the family’s discretion.] Horizons covers the costs of ingredients. We do not have anyone present at the time of the meal. When the meal is done, we would come in a clean up.

Well, honestly, such a trial isn’t the most common in Cedar County; and we’re not really a venue to which a trial would be moved. So I said we would be; and if/when it came time to utilize such a service, we’d get the wheels under it at that time. If you have questions, let me know. Pastor Paul

HEALTHY CHURCH INITIATIVE

One part of preparation for the Healthy Church Initiative Consultation is to hear from “neighbors” and community leaders. We will be informally surveying, asking such questions as:

What do you like about the Tipton community?

Can you name any needs or concerns about the community?

We are from 1st United Methodist Church of Tipton...

What might that church do to respond to the concern or need you’ve expressed?

What do you know about 1st United Methodist Church of Tipton?

Of community leaders, we may ask a question of this sort: What keeps you awake at night? It’s possible that’s all that would be needed to kick-start a conversation! Then we also want the persons who make these contacts to bring the information gleaned back to the church so a summary report can be created.

The Leadership Council would like all these interviews completed, and a report generated, by mid-March. if you would like to become part of this transforming work, contact the church office.

The consultation should be helpful for this or any church. But the experience of other people, lay and clergy, and other churches has shown over and over that the ‘results’ of the consultation aren’t nearly as transforming as what happens in people as they participate in preparations and sessions; and personally experience the transformation within. Who we become in the process will or can be more important and spiritually rewarding than what we learn.



LENT is the season of 40 days [not counting Sundays] which begins on Ash Wednesday and end on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the anglo-Saxon word, lencten, which means “spring.” The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. Sundays are always a celebration of Easter, so even during Lent Sundays are to be seasoned with the joyful expectation of the Resurrection. (UM Book of Worship # 320)

Yes, lent is a season to take seriously God’s invitation to “Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” (Isaiah 2:5, 3c) Therefore, it is a tradition of 1st UMC – Tipton to offer special opportunities to gather with one another to consider our current level and commitment to God through the “*great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus...*” (Hebrews 4:14)

Let us gather with one another for the 2014 Lent Study, Forty Days of Fruitful Living by Robert Schnase. Name your own time and form your own group, or join up with one of these times:

- ___ Thursdays at 10 a.m. starting March 6
- ___ Sundays at 9:05 a.m. starting March 9th
- ___ Sundays noon to 1:00 starting March 9th (brown bag welcome)
- ___ Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. starting March 11
- ___ Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting March 12

Please inform the church office if child care is needed. Books are available at the cost of \$9.00 each. If you would like a book, you’ll need to inform the office as soon as you read this!!

March Sunday Servants

Liturgists Twyla Hein - Coordinator

- 9 – Ron Salmonson
- 16 – Lois Salmonson
- 23 – Deb Conant
- 30 – Kris Clark

Power Point Becky Young - Coordinator

- 2 – Brian or MJ Heil (both)
- 5 – Ash Wednesday — Alec Heil (both)
- 9 – Becky Young (create), Kristin Charette (run)
- 16 – Carmen Hoffman (both)
- 23 – Maggie Bormann (Create) Daniel Charette (run)
- 30 – Trina Hill (create) Chris McKinney (run)

Fellowship Coffee Rick Rouse - Coordinator

- 2 – Rick & Heidi Shumaker, Ken & Deb McKay, Ken & Lorna Muller
- 9 – Ron & Lois Salmonson, Mike & Deb Eisele, Kevin & Dawn Spickermann
- 16 – Abigail Circle Potato Buffet
- 23 – Sylvia Ferguson, Renee Mente, Josh & Alisha Hubler
- 30 – Gail Fleming, Rick & Heidi Shumaker, Marjorie Stonerook

Ushers Lorna Muller - Coordinator

Karen & Heather Strefling, Kim Cross & Twyla Hein

Greeters Becky Young - Coordinator

- 2 – Rhonda Waugh & Pam Spear
- 9 – Wally & Judy Reidel
- 9 – Tom & Mary Ehresman
- 16 – Bob & Barb Rickard
- 23 – Allan Charette & Deb Conant
- 30 – Jerry & Sylvia Ferguson

Nursery Office - Coordinator

- 2 – Chris & Kiley Schultz
- 9 –
- 16 – Daniel Charette
- 23 – Ann Jurgensen
- 30 – Kris Clark

Children's Lesson Office - Coordinator

- 2 – Berrie Glick
- 9 – Dusty Johnson
- 16 – Gail Fleming
- 23 – Jen'Nifer Comstock
- 30 – Deanna Licht

Communion Stewards Donna Gault - Coordinator

Rich Urban & Kia Rickard-Urban

Video Camera Mary McKinney - Coordinator

- 2 –
- 9 – Jane Moen
- 16 – Steven Licht
- 23 – Comstock Family
- 30 –

Acolytes Kim Walter - Coordinator

- 2 – Kallie & Coryn Wallick
- 9 – Kayla & Mackenzie Walter
- 16 – Spring Break — Volunteers
- 23 – Levi & Sommer Daniel
- 30 – Zoe Stonebraker & Adam Heil



The Sunday school classes have been taking part in some of the mission projects the church is involved with and having a lot of fun along the way! In February the mission was to bring coats and winter items that were then taken to the Salvation Army and other organizations in Iowa City. The kids had a great time showing how warm one can be with all that was collected. If you look closely, you can see under that pile of clothes is Brooke Leiser.

Some of the other mission projects they have been involved with was collecting food for the food pantry, purchasing Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree, and putting together school kits for Ingathering. In March they will be raising funds to purchase a window for the education wing.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(members and constituents)

- 1 – Jeff Ormsby, Kathy Vance, Roger & Karen Regennitter
- 2 – Eldon Beers, Frank Bierman, Jack Shipley, Bonnie Swick, Merlyn & Helen Timm
- 3 – Phil Seydel, Hannah Smith
- 4 – Katie Shaull
- 5 – Ken Gould, Alexander Wright, Randy Behne, Jennifer Rinas
- 6 – Scott Barber
- 7 – Blair Nebergall
- 9 – Mary Kathryn Gault-Allen, Robert Glick, Mary McKinney
- 10 – Kevin Anderson, Betty Elijah, Dorie Kordick-Wanek, Kiaya Rickard-& Rich Urban
- 11 – Caroline Wright
- 12 – Brandon Martin, Kelsie Thomas
- 13 – Alaina Butler, Ellen Fear, Lily Johnson, Todd Smith
- 14 – Sherry Schmidt, Gloria Willer
- 15 – Jesse Lieser
- 16 – Cortney Curry, David Waugh, Kevin & Dawn Spickermann
- 17 – Nathan Leslie, Hunter Smith
- 18 – Lynn Gallagher
- 19 – Garry O'Leary, Nicole Royer, Marc Weaver, Rick & Judy Rouse
- 20 – Jason Brown, Erik Eisele, Jessica Marchik, Thelma Nebergall, Alisha & Josh Hubler
- 21 – Roberta Gesling
- 22 – Lesley Puffer, Craig & Kimberly Regennitter
- 23 – Adam Fitch, Michelle Smith
- 25 – Dave Fetterman, Karen Zobel
- 26 – Chase Timmerman
- 27 – Carmen Hoffman, Quinn LeDoux
- 29 – Carly Puffer
- 30 – Blake Beck, Keegan Mente
- 31 – Alvin & Mary Wright

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

Tipton FUMC's Sunday service is shown on MediaCom Cable Channel 5 on the following Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and then again Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Worship in March

- Mar. 2** — Transfiguration Sunday; communion
Music: Chancel Choir, Keyboard
Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Exodus 24:12-18
- Mar. 5** — Ash Wednesday, worship at 7:15 p.m.
Music: Chancel Choir, Keyboard
Scripture: Psalm 51
- Mar. 9** — 1st Sunday of Lent; Girl Scout Sunday
Music: Christian Chaos, Choir Kids
Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
- Mar. 16** — 2nd Sunday of Lent
Music: Chancel Choir & Keyboard
Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
- Mar. 23** — 3rd Sunday of Lent
Music: Choir Kids, Christian Chaos
Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11
- Mar. 30** — 4th Sunday in Lent
Music: Chancel Choir & Keyboard
Scripture: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; I Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14

Presence and Gifts from Jan.

Presence: Worship: 5th – 81, 12th – 129, 19th – 103, 26th – 76

Sunday School: 5th – 49, 12th – 62, 19th – 58, 26th – 41

Average attendance: Worship: 97

Sunday School: 53

Gifts: General Fund \$ 19,711.25, •Preschool Facility Use \$100.00, •Facility Use \$15.00, •Upper Room \$13.31, •Offering Envelopes \$1.00, •Apportionments \$120.00, •Financial Peace University \$585.00, •Shared Blessings \$24.00, •Copper Kettle \$178.82, •Christmas Offering \$5.00, **Grand Total: \$20,753.38**



March 2014

March 2014							April 2014						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
30	31						29	30	31				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 23	24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1
Tuesday March 4 6:30 PM G.I.G. 7:00 PM Mission Meeting	Wednesday March 5 7:00 PM No Chancel Choir 7:15 PM Ash Wednesday Service	Sunday March 9 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM KFC 6:00 PM Dominoes	Sunday March 16 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 AM Prayer Huddle 11:45 AM Abigail Potato Buffet	Wednesday March 19 8:00 PM Abigail Circle		
2 Camp Sunday 8:30am Choir Kids (Sanct.) 9:00am G.I.G. (Rm. 106) 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanct)	3 12:00pm SET-UP for M. Supper (DR/K) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #5302 (rm. 111) 6:45pm Creative Worship (We	4 Fat Tuesday 8:00am Office Closed for Staff 4:00pm PREP for M. Supper (#5302) 4:00pm Communion @ Prairie 5:30pm Missions Fat Tuesday *See more above	5 Ash Wednesday Boiler Inspection 8 - Noon 12:00pm Pastor @ Bible Study 6:15pm Youth Group 6:30pm G.I.G. (Johnson Horn *See more below	6 9:30am Communion @ Cedar Manor 10:00am G.I.G. (Rm 113) 6:30pm Xn Chaos rehearsal (S 6:45pm Legacy Journey (Fello	7	8 11:00am Shared Blessings Meal (DR/K)
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Tipton First United Methodist Church Staff:

Pastor - **Paul Frederiksen**

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Custodian - **Don Griffith**

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Choir Kids Director - **Denise Cartwright**

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