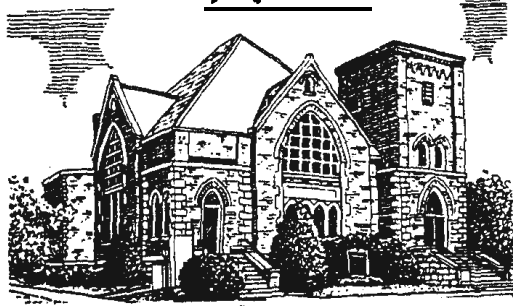


United Methodist News



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October 2014

October Events

- Oct. 5 — Festival of Talents
- Oct. 14 — JAM Breakfast
- Oct. 11 — Shared Blessings
- Oct. 15 — Newsletter Articles Due
- Oct. 19 — CWS Blanket Sunday
- Oct. 22 — Meeting of Holy Folders
- Oct. 25 — Shared Blessings
- Oct. 26 — All-Church Halloween Party
- Oct. 31 — Halloween



Christian Chaos, on the road again.

The band played for the Stanwood Union Church worship service on September 21.

VISION STATEMENT

In April our church participated in a consultation for the Healthy Church Initiative, our United Methodist denomination program for church growth and revitalization. In May, our congregation voted to accept the report of the process and use it as a path forward.

The first prescription in the process was for our church to develop a clear, compelling, shared mission and vision. The United Methodist mission statement, “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” became our mission statement. Our next step was to develop a clear, compelling vision for the next five years of ministry in our church. A “Day of Visioning” was held in August. This event generated a broad base of input from the congregation on what the church should “look like” going forward. From that, a team of Pastor Paul, Melinda Stonebraker, Kim Walters, and Bob Young constructed, and the Leadership Council has approved, the following vision statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church provides value to people in their journey of faith by meaningful corporate worship; continual growth through small groups and personal challenge; and mission by service in the church and the community. Our people will be Deeply Rooted, Branching Out, and Bearing Fruit.

Our group had an early consensus on the three pieces of the vision, and I want to thank the members of the team for the dedicated prayerful effort that went into crafting the statement. This vision statement, along with the remaining HCI prescriptions, will determine much of what you see happening in the coming years, and will be the “yard stick” we will use to measure our progress.

Providing value to Christians on their journey of faith is a noble and exciting vision. Let’s work together to accomplish it as we pursue the balance of our Healthy Church Initiative.

Bob Young

Church Conference (a.k.a. ‘The Annual Meeting’)

Sunday, October 19, 2014

To begin at 4:00 p.m. and will conclude
by or before 5:30 p.m.

It will be convened by retired
clergy person Ken Royer of Iowa City

FALL CLEAN-UP: It’s really important to make best use of the spring and fall [intensive] clean up days. Please join us on **November 8th.**



Duffy Daugherty was the football coach for the Michigan State Spartans from 1954 to 1972. At the end of one game, Daugherty sent in his kicker to win the game. As the kick sailed through the uprights, the kicker looked at the referee. Why? Because he had forgotten his contact lens and couldn't see! Though he couldn't see the goalposts, he'd practiced the kick so many times, it was routine.

This story tells us a couple things. First of all, the kicker did not kick for the Iowa Hawkeyes!! But, seriously, 'practicing' the faith is so vital. If we wait until we 'need faith' to find faith, it's more than likely we will be sorely disappointed. One of the primary means of 'practicing' the faith is corporate worship, but other means of growth are similarly vital: individual and corporate Bible Study; prayer; Christian Conferencing; sacraments; service.

The primary prescription in our Consultation Report is to design a "discipleship pathway... designed for everyone whether they are a non-believer or one who is maturing in their faith. This discipleship pathway will represent a lifelong process." Yes, this relationship with God through Jesus Christ is never-ending and always new. The group that is charged with designing this "discipleship pathway" is "Neighbors & Disciples," the same group that incubated and birthed GIGs. If you would like to assist with their work, talk to one of the group. It will be easy for you to get on board. Melinda Stonebraker, Wally and Judy Reidel, Sherry Willey, Jane Moen and Pastor Paul.

THE STORY

This is week 2 of THE STORY, titled "God Builds a Nation." The context is about God's surprising work and the surprising people and means by which God can bring blessing. As I was reading chapter two, I was reminded of a story by Wayne Brouwer titled: *God Has Five Aces*

In her wonderful collection of poetry called, The Awful Rowing Toward God, Anne Sexton examines her life like someone in a canoe rowing against the stream of life, encountering hazards along the way, and finally docking at the island of God's home. The concluding poem in the book is called "The Rowing Endeth." In it she sees herself called by God's great laughter to join him for a game of poker. When the cards are dealt, she is surprised and thrilled. She has a royal straight flush. She will trounce God and win for herself whatever prizes God has brought to the table. In great excitement she slaps down her cards, claiming her winnings. Nothing can beat this hand!

But God only laughs, a great, rolling, joyful exuberance that energizes everything around. In rich good humor, with no malice at all, God throws down his cards. Five aces! That's impossible! But there it is. And when Anne loses to God, she knows that really she wins. For God is not stingy with his wealth or his earnings. There are never any losers when they sit at the table with God. God's laughter is always without malice or one-upmanship.

This is the gospel according to Jesus' parable. (Matthew 20:1-16) In spite of our good fortunes or savvy playing skills or sheer hard work, we never really win at the game of life when we play it by our own rules. But if God is bending them in the direction of grace, something wonderful always happens.

Abram and Sarai found it hard to believe God could be working for good in their situation. The 'deck was stacked against them.' Do you find yourself in situations like that some times? Or, maybe right now? THE STORY has plenty of examples of grace happening. God – still – is at work.

Grace to you and peace,
Pastor Paul

PS: Pages 494 & 495 of the adult STORY show which chapters and verses were used for each chapter. If you want to read "the rest of the story," use that chart to identify further readings from your own preferred Bible.

Missions

Future International Mission Trip!?!?

From: KiaLeigh Rickard-Urban

Hi Pastor Paul!! I just wanted to keep you updated on my exchange. I'm having a wonderful time and so blessed that God gave me this opportunity! During one of my classes, I was spacing off like usual because I have no clue what anyone is saying, and was flipping through my agenda and stumbled across a world map. Guess what popped in my head right away? INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP! We have waited long enough! Let's make it happen! Egypt, Thailand, India, Costa Rica, Cuba . . . The list goes on and on, so many countries need our help and what better way to make a week (possibly 2) a true adventure?!

Mom says: Let's start fundraising now!

Copper Kettle – Church World Service

Blanket Sunday

October 19

Our church has a long-standing tradition of giving to CWS Blankets. With over 60 years of experience, Church World Service applies its expertise in overseas disaster and recovery work to our work in U.S. communities recovering from catastrophe. In partnership with local organizations, CWS can make a big difference to people displaced by a hurricane or economic hard times. The copper kettle on Sunday, October 19 is designated to CWS Blankets. Thank you for your donations to CWS!

Festival of Talents – A Missions Celebration!

The Festival of Talents Sunday, October 5th is quickly approaching and promises to be a special day to celebrate Missions and the variety of talents in our congregation! During worship, anyone who took \$5 from the reverse offering in May will have an opportunity to return the money and any profits you've made in the past five months. Our goal for the Festival of Talents offering was to encourage you to stretch your faith and creatively share your talents. During the service, all will be encouraged to share their experiences, regardless of whether you made money or not, so we can all benefit from your experiences and learn from one another. On October 5th, we're asking everyone to bring a non-perishable donation to worship for our church's emergency food pantry.

Following the worship service, the Mission Team will be hosting a soup lunch. We'll have an assortment of home-made soups, breads/crackers, cheese, veggies, bars, and drinks available. A freewill offering will be taken to support mission projects. Please come and enjoy a home-cooked meal!

Backpack Buddies

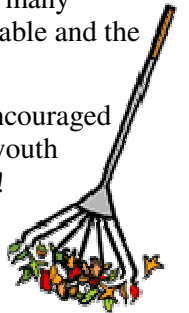
In November, our church will be responsible for packing the backpacks for the Backpack Buddies program at Trinity Lutheran Church. All the supplies will be furnished – we just need 3-4 people to fill the backpacks on Thursdays, November 7, 14 and 21 at 4:00 p.m. Sign up through the registration insert in the Sunday bulletin or contact the church office.



Community Work Day – November 2

The Make a Difference Community Work Day will be held Sunday, November 2 from 12:00-2:30 p.m. Please SIGN UP anytime between Sunday, October 5 and Sunday, October 26 to HELP with projects AND sign up if you HAVE PROJECTS to be done in the Fellowship Room. 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.

Volunteers of all ages welcome. Parents are encouraged to make this a family outing and get kids and youth involved in mission work/helping others early! We'll have a simple lunch right after worship. Making a Difference in our own backyard and around the world!



Ingathering Kits

The Thanksgiving Ingathering will be held on Saturday, November 1. The dedication of Ingathering Kits will occur during worship on Sunday, October 26. Please turn in any Ingathering kits by October 26. Thanks!

Deborah Montgomery, surgical technician at UIHC, has been chosen for a medical mission trip to Hue Huetenango, Guatemala February 5–15, 2015. The team will set up a clinic for cleft lips and cleft palates. Deborah has said that one way we can assist her experience is by donation of coloring books and 24-pack crayons. These are sent prior to the trip and available for the team to give to children, patients as well as siblings of patients. There is free shipping to Guatemala for all resources given to Deborah prior to the end of November. A box for GUATAMALA SUPPLIES will be located in the Fellowship Room until the end of November.



Hospitalized/Procedures:

Ray Steinberg @ UIHC(Cartwright's next-door neighbor)

Healing: Karen Anderson, Linda Black(J. Keller's sis), Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Arlene Hein, Betty Hopkins (Deb Bothell's mom), Lee Huff, (M.Stonebraker's bro), Rex Idlewine, Ed & Margaret Ketelsen (MJ Heil's folks), McKay's nephew Joel and wife Holly, Edna Miller (J Ohrt's sister), Mandy Ohrt (Judy's dau), Dawn Spickermann, Joe T [in NJ; friend of McKays], Gary Taylor, Jim Shontz, 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 impact 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: Jim Ehresman, Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis), Sarah Ann Wellendorf (F. Kuehl's sis), Jean Heil (Brian's mom),

Hospice/Palliative Care: Elmer Flory, Francis Kuehl, Gene Weih

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean Hannes, Billy Hoffman, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby, Mike Ploeger (McKinney's Nephew), Jake Reidel, Cole Weih

Newsletter articles are due
 Wed., Oct. 15th.

Meeting of the Holy Folders is
 Wed., Oct. 22nd.

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

October Circle Meetings

Abigail — Wed., Oct. 15th at 8:00 p.m.

Mary Martha — Fri., Oct. 17th at 1:30 p.m.

Priscilla — Thurs., Oct. 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

*The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church of Tipton warmly invite you to attend our Fall General Unit Meeting
 Thursday, October 2nd
 6:30 P.M.*

We will provide a potluck supper and our program will be "Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them" We are honored that our Shepherdess, Donna Jordan will be in attendance. Please make plans to join us for this special evening of great food, friends and fellowship. Childcare is available upon request by contacting Denise Cartwright.



Save the Date

December 7th 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**UMW Nativity Walk,
 Soup Supper and Bake Sale**

**All-Church
 Halloween Party**

Sunday, October 26

5:00-6:30 p.m.

This party has become an annual tradition at our church. "Kids" of all ages and friends are welcome.



October Sunday Servants

Liturgists Twyla Hein - Coordinator

- 12 – Pat Fankhauser
- 19 – Ruel Wehde
- 26 – Kim Walter

Power Point Becky Young - Coordinator

- 5 – Brian or MJ Heil (both)
- 12 – Carmen Hoffman (both)
- 19 – Trina Hill (Create), Chris McKinney (run)
- 26 – Maggie Borman (Create), Daniel Charette (run)

Fellowship Coffee Rick Rouse - Coordinator

- 5 – Mission Soup Lunch
- 12 – Karen Strefling, Sherry Willey, McKinney Family
- 19 – Dusty & Jen Johnson, Jack & Denise Cartwright
- 26 – Max & Judy Keller, Jerry & Alice Ann Gallagher

Ushers Lorna Muller - Coordinator

- 5 – Jason & Kim Walter, Deanna & Steven Licht
- 12 – 26 Jason & Kim Walter, Ruel & Jan Wehde
- 19 - Deanna & Steven Licht, A willing volunteer,

Greeters Becky Young - Coordinator

- 5 – Richard & Helen Palmer
- 12 – Marv & Kay Miller
- 19 – Kent & Carmen Hoffman
- 26 – Garry & Michelle O'Leary

Nursery Office - Coordinator

- 5 – Denise Cartwright
- 12 – Karen Anderson
- 19 – Vicki Daniel
- 26 – Liz Simons & Maddie Peters

Children's Lesson Office - Coordinator

- 5 – Pastor Paul
- 12 – Dusty Johnson
- 19 – Gail Fleming
- 26 – Pastor Paul

Communion Stewards Donna Gault - Coordinator

- 5 – Mission Committee

Video Camera Mary McKinney - Coordinator

- 5 – McKinney Family
- 12 – Comstock Family
- 19 – Alec Heil
- 26 – Jane Moen

Acolytes Kim Walter - Coordinator

- 5 – Levi Daniel & Adam Heil
- 12 – Caden & Hanna Schmidt
- 19 – Meredith Coppess & Gwen VanScoy
- 26 – Jack & Ava Boldt

Flowers Coordinated by - Becky Young

- 5 – Glenda Holets
- 12 – Donna Gault / Erma Lyle
- 19 – Sylvia Ferguson
- 26 –

Presence and Gifts from Aug.

Presence: Worship: 3 - 76, 10- 75, 17 – 70, 24 - 92, 31 - 63

Average attendance: Worship: 75

Gifts: General Fund 11,089.50, * Upper Room 11.25, Closed the Windows Fundraiser 1,426.01, Apportionments 20.00, The Story 283.00, Shared Blessings 27.92, Copper Kettle 146.74, Mission Work Trip 20.00, Porta Potty - Work Trip 180.00, Christmas Offering 46.11, Mission Market 10.00, UMCOR 20.00,

Grand Total 13,280.53

Worship in October

Oct. 5 — World Communion Sunday: Conclusion of Festival of Talents

Scripture: Exodus 3:7-15 & Luke 4:14-22

Theme: Deliverance

Music: Chancel Choir; keyboards

Oct. 12 —

Scripture: Exodus 19:1-8 & Mark 9:2-8

Theme: New Commands and a New Covenant

Music: Christian Chaos & Choir Kids

Oct. 19 — World Blanket Sunday

Scripture: Numbers 10:33-36 & John 6:30-35

Theme: Wandering

Music : Chancel Choir; Keyboards

Oct. 26 — Dedication of Ingathering Sacrifices

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9 & Luke 12:27-34

Theme: The Battle Begins

Music: Choir Kids & Christian Chaos



The MEMORIAL COMMITTEE invites groups, work areas and individuals to give them project ideas for the 2014-15 Memorial brochure. What would your group do FOR Christ's sake... if only they had some funds?! Have some creative fun with this. Disclaimers: 1. Financing your idea depends on availability of funds! 2. If you have a ministry that is urgent and the time is 'now,' put it in the General Budget.

Members of the Memorial Committee are Lois Salmonson, Teri Baird, Sylvia Ferguson, Ken Muller, Gordon Esbeck and Jenny Boldt.

Holy Rollers is the Sunday bowling league at Cedar Lanes. It takes place every other Sunday, the next event is Oct. 5. The cost is \$10 per person per Sunday. Get your team of 4 together and come have a fun filled ecumenical fellowship. If interested please contact the office @ 563-886-2331 or Cedar Lanes at 886-2857.



News of the People of 1st UMC

THANK YOU to all who help with Mom [Stella Gardner.] We appreciate it all.
Cathy & Philip Ott

Larry & Kathy Houstman have a {first!} new grandson: **Ethan James Houstman**, born: 11:45 MDT, Sept. 9. Wt.: 8lbs 5oz., Ht.: 21 1/4"

Elmer and Cuba Flory are a generation older with the arrival of their 1st great-grandchild, **Declan Reese Flory**, on August 19. Declan lives in Mechanicsville.

Craig, Edward, & Derek Esbeck have moved back from Uganda, and have settled in Iowa City. Thank you for your prayers and caring.



GIGs are Growth & Impact Groups.

In our Wesleyan tradition, such small groups have been the central means for personal growth, transformation and evangelism. Oh, John Wesley never called them "GIGs," preferring instead the term "Class Meetings," but the function was the same. He had seen the fire go out in many new and maturing Christians who did not have a setting for Bible study, learning, prayer, compassion and mutual accountability. Just as a log in a fire depends on the heat of the burning logs around them, Christians, too, need the 'heat' of the Spirit working in others.

The purpose of GIGs is to grow to about 12 participants and then 'birth' another group with leaders who had seen leadership modeled and had been affirmed as having gifts and humility necessary for leading others to deeper exploration of the Christian life. In fact, with humility, nearly anyone with willingness can be trained for leadership and with effort can nurture the gifts for leading. No, these leaders never had, nor are they currently expected to have, "all the answers!" So, you see, there's the possibility for each of the people of this church to lead a GIG!

Currently we have four GIGs meeting regularly. Contact either the church office or the participant noted to see if there's room for one more person:

Wednesday evening	Melinda Stonebraker
Wednesday evening	Twyla Hein
Thursday morning	Sherry Willey
Sunday morning	Berrie Glick or Jane Moen

OR: Find a couple other folks who are available when you are and start your own!! Right now there's one person who may be able to commit to a Thursday afternoon GIG. Maybe you're #2?? (Contact the church office!)

GIGs: It can be confusing when more than one GIG meets at the same time. Is it possible to name your GIG? We suggest using some biblical character's name, like "Adam's GIG." But maybe, in the next few weeks, you'll come across some biblical character that you decide 'fits' your folks!!

College Connections

Thanks to all who supported the recent School Kick-Off lunch and fundraiser for college care packages. It was a fun way to start the fall programming at church. A total of \$273 was raised to offset postage costs and reduce the amount needed from the general budget. Our plan is to reach out to students once a month. Students included in our mailings are: Ashley Beers, Emily Beers, Amelia

Bormann, Andrea Brown, Ben Charette, Daniel Charette, Samantha Eberle, Tara Eisele, Brandon Fleming, Blake Huston, Clayton Keller, Steven Licht, Kaitlyn McKinney, Keegan Mente, Koltan Mente, Ashley Neville, Kellie Rouse, Kelly Smith, Benji Thomas, and Kody Wallick. Thanks to students and parents for sending up-dated address information. As you can imagine, it is quite a task to keep college student addresses current. If you'd like other undergraduate students from our church family to receive support and care packages from College Connections, please give the church office their current contact information. Thanks!

FACILITY MATTERS

You 'CLOSED' the WINDOWS !!!

Last spring we challenged people to give as they were able toward the \$13,000 cost of replacing the 50 year-old windows in the Education Wing. Those 21 windows were replaced with energy efficient windows during spring break 2014. That effort was one of the last two items on the 2007 list of projects we named, at that time, "Forward In Faith." **GREAT NEWS!!** You have exceeded the goal, and have contributed, as of September 1st, **\$13,290!!!** The generosity you have exhibited reminds me of the stories of exactly 50 years ago, when the Education Wing was being built. Gene Miller was the pastor, but Rev. Miller is quick to list names of Tiptonites who saw the need, took the reins and sent the Spirit dancing. Those stories suggest a spirit of inspiration among the people of the church. There was a resolve, "we need it; let's build it; let's pay for it; to God be the glory."

Ah, yes, "*To God be the glory, great things he as done...*"

IN RELATED MATTERS:

The **Fellowship Room** work is THE FINAL "Forward In Faith" project identified in 2007. Once the weather turns colder, we'll get the old "communion rails" installed along the step and sides of the ramp. Then the Fellowship Room is DONE, including insulation, HVAC, plumbing – rest room & kitchenette, better space utilization, wider doors, new energy efficient windows. Total costs to knock off that project were slightly higher than anticipated, but it is wonderful to see that space already being used by more people & groups. Praise God!!

The Trustees had to borrow from a couple designated funds to complete the Fellowship Room. They will be working on ways to pay those funds back to the designated accounts. We're also seeking people to assist to devise a manner of procuring suitable, appropriate furnishings that will be conducive to the variety of functions that room will serve.

IN MORE [barely] RELATED MATTERS:

In the June 30 rainstorm the parsonage, like so many other properties in the area, took on water in the basement when the municipal electricity went out due to wind damage. Unfortunately, occupants of the parsonage were not home and were not aware of the situation. By the time they returned home, water had caused some damage to the walls.

A claim was turned in to the church's insurance company and they were very nice to work with. Carpet was pulled and put out to dry; or thrown away. Wainscoting was removed to gain access to the sheetrock, which was replaced. All walls were repainted, wainscoting, chair rail and base was replaced. Labor was mostly donated by the occupants of the house, but there was assistance given by Keegan, Kolton & Renee Mente, Twyla Hein, Kim Cross and neighbor Scott Mosier. Keller Furniture and Floor Coverings was contracted to re-install and/or replace carpeting.

The Trustees are looking in to the installation of a battery-backup sump pump. It is anticipated that the insurance coverage will be more than adequate to cover all costs related to putting the house 'back in order.'

Thanks to all who have assisted... in any way.
Jane and Pastor Paul – aka. "occupants"

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.



Kids for Christ

Sunday, October 12

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(members and constituents)

- 1 – Steve Yerington, Thomas & Sara Hembry
- 2 – Brandon Fleming, McKenna O'Leary
- 3 – Forrest & Gloria Willer
- 4 – Jennifer Boedeker, JoAnne Johnston, Chris VanScoy
- 5 – Caleb Shumaker
- 6 – Brad Anderson, Carson Chambliss, Ferris Davis, Lyle Fitch, Brad Wendel
- 7 – Lee Fraseur, Corey Wallick
- 8 – Judy Reidel
- 9 – Keith & Carolyn Wood
- 10 – Ryan Stonebraker
- 11 – Tyler Baird, Gary Eichhorn, Dorothy Feldman, Beverly Hancock
- 12 – Rebecca Boltz
- 13 – Angie Chambliss, Amy Schmidt
- 14 – Ayden Crock, Levi Daniel, Jan Esbeck, Jennifer Rinas, Amanda Smith, Brandon Thomas, Mark & Shellby Wiskus
- 15 – Garret Fitch, Robyn Nebergall, Corbey Swick, Matt & Alicia Harper
- 16 – Avary Calonder, Bev Fitch, Dave & Trina Hill
- 18 – Kris Clark, Christy Schilling, Ron & Laura Hembry, Henry & Vivian Wiskus
- 19 – Brian Heil, Ron Salmonson, Jackson Timmerman
- 20 – Heather & Joseph Davidson
- 21 – Vicki Daniel, Clayton Keller, Stephanie Ruby, Donnie & Michelle Miles
- 22 – Colette Crock, Mike Smith, Alicia Walter
- 23 – Aaron Comstock, Sommer Daniel
- 24 – Tawnya Johnson

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



Cedar County Public Health

2014 Flu Clinic Schedule

Cost is \$25 payable by cash or check

No cost to those with Medicare Part B or Medicaid

(You MUST present your card)

Monday, October 6	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Stanwood – Union Church
Thursday, Oct. 9	4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Mechanicsville-Senior Dining
Wednesday, Oct. 15	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Durant – Community Center
Tuesday, Oct. 21	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	West Branch United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Oct. 22	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Cedar County Courthouse
Wednesday, Oct. 29	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Cedar County Courthouse

Leadership Development Team



We have begun working on the nominated and elected

leadership positions for 2015. While it is always valuable to have new blood on work areas, committees and positions, this year we are seeking to keep turn-over minimal. Most groups have work-load implications from the Consultation Prescriptions they will be asked to work on and it is felt some carry-over will assist aggressive action.

However, we do have vacancies and invite your consideration and response if you have interest in any of the following:

- Leadership Development (“nominating”)
- Memorial Committee
- Staff-Parish Relations
- Trustees
- Chairperson of Finance

More information is available from persons who currently or recently held positions in these areas or from members of the Leadership Development Team: JoAnne Beers, Kay Miller, Kim Walter, Max Keller, Kathy Houstman, Bob Cummins, Ron Martin or Pastor Paul.

YOUth Group

We had so much fun at the Scavenger Hunt last week, we did not discuss our October events. Please add the following dates to your calendar: YOUth meeting on Oct 22nd @ 6:15-8pm and YOUth hosted Halloween Party on Sunday, October 26th @ 5:00-6:30pm. We are looking forward to hosting the children's Halloween Party this year. At our October meeting we will plan our food, activities & prizes for the party. Please encourage your child to come prepared with some Halloween or Autumn related ideas to consider. It's amazing what you can find on the internet.

Also if you are willing to assist with food, etc. for our meeting or the Party, please let us know. In particular, we will need pumpkins for the Party.

Thank you for your support,
Youth Advisory Council(YAC)

Basic and Advanced Lay Servant Training

**When: Friday, Oct. 24 (6:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M.) and
Sat., Oct. 25 (9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.)**

**Where: Tipton First United Methodist Church
607 Lynn Street, Tipton IA 52772-1639**

If interested, please join one of the classes by **ordering the book** your class will use, **preparing the requested material** in advance, and **sending the registration form**. A donation will be collected for the noon meal at the church on Saturday. Lodging and other meals on your own.

Basic Course Information

The Basic Course is the foundational course for other leadership training courses. It is designed to equip new leaders and renew current leaders. The course covers the following topics: servant and spiritual leadership, caring ministries, basic communication skills, and sharing your faith. It offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader in mission and ministry. In the course, you are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts. The course is designed to help you be a church leader even if public speaking is not your gift. The course is not designed to prepare you to preach. Those who have gifts for preaching may take an advanced course on preaching after this course.

Basic Course Facilitators: Steve Kahler and Colleen Petaros, Co-Chairs of the District Lay Servant Committee

Advanced Course Information

Topic: Conflict Transformation Skills for Local Churches

The mere mention of the word “conflict” makes most people uncomfortable. However, conflict is a natural, normal part of everyday life, and we all need to

develop skills so that conflict is creative rather than destructive to our relationships and our life together in the church.

The workshop “Conflict Transformation Skills for Local Churches” offers opportunities to develop the skills needed to transform conflict from a destructive force to an opportunity for personal and congregational renewal. During this workshop, we will focus on: “The Nature and Role of Conflict,” “Conflict in the New Testament: Finding Renewal In Conflict;” “Understanding and Improving Your Own Style of Response to Conflict;” “How to Be Effective When People are Angry;” “Understanding Conflict in Groups and How to Manage It”

The Rev. Dr. Jill Sanders will facilitate this workshop. She has been on the Conference staff for over fourteen years which has given her many opportunities to practice “conflict transformation!” In addition, she has been trained by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Institute and will be using their materials for this workshop. The cost of the workshop is \$26. This fee covers the cost of the materials. You will receive a manual at the time of the workshop. There is no additional text. Payment will be collected on the first day of the workshop.

For more information and/or registration contact Pastor Paul or visit the District web site <http://www.iaumc.org/pages/detail/1365> .

Additional lay servant training scheduled: Feb. 6-7 at the Shueyville UMC.

A Local Church Lay Servant is an active, supportive member of a United Methodist Church; eager to serve through the church and willing to improve his/her skills for service. To be recognized as local church lay servants, persons must be recommended by their pastor and Church Council or Charge Conference, and complete the basic course for lay servants. Each year they must reapply, reporting how they have served and continued to learn during that year. A refresher course must be taken once every three years.

Certified Lay Servants have completed both the basic and at least one advanced training course. The certified lay servant continues to serve the local church, but may also serve in other churches when called. To be recognized as a certified lay servant, persons must be recommended by their pastor and Church Council or Charge Conference. A refresher course must be taken once every three years.

Disaster Response: “What if the power goes out?”

The biggest power outage in U.S. history occurred on August 14, 2003, leaving roughly 50 million people without power. Power outages can happen anywhere, and to anyone, so being prepared is important.

To prepare for loss of power you should do the following:

- To begin preparing, you should [build an emergency kit](#) and make a [family communications plan](#).
- Follow energy conservation measures to keep the use of electricity as low as possible, which can help power companies avoid imposing rolling blackouts.
- Be aware that most medication that requires refrigeration can be kept in a closed refrigerator for several hours without a problem. If unsure, check with your physician or pharmacist.
- Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it. Garage doors can be heavy, so know that you may need help to lift it.
- Keep a key to your house with you if you regularly use the garage as the primary means of entering your home, in case the garage door will not open.

WHEN YOU DO LOSE POWER, Here are some reminders:

- Keep calm.
- Use only flashlights for emergency lighting. If you must use candles, never leave them unattended.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed to keep your food as fresh as possible. If you must eat food that was refrigerated or frozen, check it carefully for signs of spoilage.
- Turn off or disconnect appliances, equipment (like air conditioners) or electronics in use when the power goes out. Power may return with momentary “surges” or “spikes” that can damage computers as well as motors in appliances like the air conditioner, refrigerator, washer or furnace.
- Do not run a generator inside a home or garage.
- Do not connect a generator to a home’s electrical system. If you use a generator, connect the equipment you want to run directly to the outlets on the generator.
- Leave on one light so that you’ll know when your power returns.
- Use the phone for emergencies only; don’t pack the air waves with chit-chat when others may need emergency contacts.
- Do not call 9-1-1 for information—call only to report a life-threatening emergency.
- Drink plenty of water, even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Eliminate unnecessary travel, especially by car. Traffic signals will stop working during an outage, creating traffic congestion. (Not necessarily true in Cedar County!)



The next time you find yourself alone in a dark alley facing the undeniableness of life, don't cover them with a blanket, or ignore them with a nervous grin. Instead, stand still, whisper His name, and listen. He is nearer than you think. –Max Lucado

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Sep 28 World Communion Sunday (Sanctuary) 8:30am Choir Kids (Sanctuary) 9:00am Confirmation (LL-1) 9:00am G.I.G. (Berean Rm.) 9:00am Sunday School (Church) 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)	29 6:45pm Creative Worship (Fellowship Room)	30 4:00pm Communion @ Prairie Hills	Oct 1 Homecoming Parade 12:00pm Pastor @ Bible Study 6:00pm G.I.G. (Johnson Home) 6:00pm G.I.G. (Fellowship Rm.) 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehears	2 10:00am G.I.G. 6:30pm UMW General Unit Meeting (DR/K)	3	4
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19 World Blanket Day 8:30am Choir Kids (Sanctuary) 9:00am Confirmation (LL-1) 9:00am G.I.G. (Berean Rm.) 9:00am Sunday School (Church) 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)	20	21	22 Meeting of The Holy Folders 12:00pm Pastor @ Bible Study 1:30pm Bible Study (Wesley Rm.) 4:30pm Grief Group 6:00pm G.I.G. (Johnson Home) 6:00pm G.I.G. (Fellowship Rm.)	23 8:00am Pastor @ ECI 10:00am Pastor @ HCl Peer Mentoring 10:00am G.I.G. 6:30pm Xn Chaos rehearsal (Sanctuary)	24	25 8:00am Lay Servant Training (Fellowship Rm. & Wesley Rm.) 11:00am Shared Blessings Meal (DR/K)
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