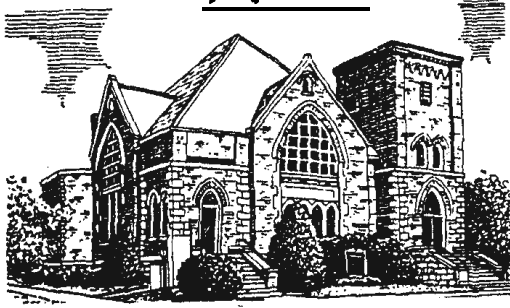


United Methodist News



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September 2014

September Events

- Sept. 1 — Labor Day
- Sept. 7 — Choir Kids Practice Begins
First Day of Sunday School
College Connections Lunch
Choir Kids Party
- Sept. 9 — JAM Breakfast
- Sept. 13 — Shared Blessings
- Sept. 14 — 2nd Graders receive Bibles
Dominoes
- Sept. 16 — Grief Group Reunion
- Sept. 17 — Newsletter Articles Due
Youth Group
- Sept. 24 — Meeting of Holy Folders
- Sept. 27 — Shared Blessings



ATTENTION ALL 2nd - 6th GRADERS!

You are eligible to be an acolyte!

“New Acolyte Training” with Pastor Paul will be on **THURSDAY, SEPT. 4th from 3 - 5 p.m.** Pastor Paul will pick the kids up at the school, get them to the church, provide a snack, and then parents can pick up at the church at 5 p.m.

Closer to that day you can let the teacher know they will have a different pick-up person that day. Pastor Paul will meet the kids by the flagpole out front at the elementary school (and will wait for any of the older kids.)

Let Kim Walter (kwalter@illinoisalumni.org) or the church office know if you can participate and Pastor Paul will put you on his pickup list for that day!

Thanks, Kim Walter, Acolyte Coordinator



College Connections Lunch – September 7

The College Connections team will be hosting a simple meal on Sunday, September 7 to kick off the school year AND raise funds for college care packages. The menu will be hot dogs/chicken patties, chips, baked beans, and bars. The plan is to reach out to college students at least once per month to show our support and provide encouragement on their faith journey.

We want YOU to be involved. You can be involved by including these students in your PRAYERS, write a NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT or provide WORDS OF WISDOM, or provide DONATIONS (monetary or items) for care packages. To make a monetary donation, write a check out to the church and put “College Connections” in the memo line. Also, watch for inserts in the Sunday bulletins for a list of donations needed for care packages.

Save the date and **wear your favorite school colors** to church September 7th!

A NEW THING

Sunday mornings there will be a coffee pot in the Fellowship Room with hot brew ready by 8:55 and it will be there all morning so those coming early to worship or who wait for family to complete Sunday school are also welcome to mingle in the Fellowship Room. In fact, [against all rules of the church!] this pot will have {ssssh} **caffeine!** You no longer need to carry a cup of brew from home, though you may want to bring a cup and leave it here.





“MISSIONAL CHURCH” What does that mean?!?! As we proceed to be a “healthy church,” it may be helpful to review, pray and seek to understand this item, first posted a year ago from [Shaped By God's Heart](#) by Milfred Minatrea.

What does it mean that it is **God's** mission?

If it is God's idea, then whose idea is it **NOT**?!

How does it feel to you to have expectations and implications put upon you by God?

God's / mission / for the church /
is to be a reproducing / community / of authentic / disciples /
being equipped / as missionaries / sent by God / to live /
& proclaim / the Kingdom of God / in the world.

As we go forth, following Christ into the unknown, to co-create with God a discerned future, it is natural to experience anxiety. However, there will be no joy, passion or excitement if we allow the anxiety to control our thinking, our behavior, our relationships, and even our spiritual presence. Susan Beaumont is a church consultant. One of her recent newsletters included the following reflections about the effects of anxiety. The italics and bold are all in her original article.

The effects of anxiety on human thinking and behavior are both observable and predictable. In his book [Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times](#) Peter Steinke describes the impact of anxiety in three significant ways: Anxiety has a **repressive** effect, an **infectious** effect, and a **reactive** effect.

Anxiety *represses* human functioning by decreasing our capacity to learn, replacing our curiosity with a demand for certainty, and stiffening our positions over and against one another.

Anxiety is also *contagious*. It connects people. Let one or two people unleash their anxiety and it won't be long before it has a ripple effect on the congregation.

Finally, anxiety has a *reactive* effect. People oversimplify, become indecisive and unable to act.

We can be helpful to one another and to the work of God through this church if we identify and name our own anxiety. It can be less powerful and less disabling if we claim it and name it. We can also help one another grow spiritually if we lovingly coax one another to awareness of our fears and apprehensions. Isn't this what Jesus did with people? And what group had the most anxiety? Pharisees, 'church folk,' who perceived any change would be costly to their status and position.

It is my firm conviction that no one sets out to be contrary to God's intentions, but every one of us is human and can easily - even if unwittingly - become closed to the new thing God wishes to do among us.

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace.”

Pastor Paul

*Faith is belief in what you cannot see or prove or touch.
Faith is walking face-first and full-speed into the dark.*

—Elizabeth Gilbert, author

Missions

Mission Market

Zucchini, summer squash and cucumbers have been plentiful this year! Stop by the Mission Market located in the breezeway if you're looking for produce. If you have extra produce, donations are always appreciated. Any freewill donations given for the fruits and vegetables will go to mission projects.

Food Pantry

Recently, we've experienced an increase in the number of people needing food from our emergency food pantry. *We still have plenty of canned vegetables.* Here's a list of what's needed most: **canned tuna or chicken, Jello, canned fruit, creamed or regular soups, baked beans, pasta (elbow or egg noodles), packaged rice or noodles, spaghetti sauce, or any easy- to-prepare entrée or dessert.** Your generosity is appreciated.

Festival of Talents – October 5

The countdown with only 6 Sundays left until October 5. If you are participating in the Festival of Talents, join others in selling items and offering services or talents at the Talent Markets on September 14, 21 or 28 after worship in the Fellowship Room. Join the fun by stopping by to see what's being offered.

On October 5 during worship, all participants will have an opportunity to return the money and any profits and share your experiences with others. Our prayer is that YOU are creatively using your talents and stretching/growing your faith this summer and fall. After worship that same day, the Missions team encourages you to stay for our annual, homemade soup luncheon. Mark your calendars now – it promises to be a fun-filled day!

Missions Porta Potty – Special Occasions

Thanks to all who participated in the Porta Potty fun'(d)raiser for mission work trips! We raised a total of \$760 this summer. Due to requests and interest expressed by a few in the congregation and community, the Missions team has decided to make the Porta Potty available for "special" occasions. For only \$25, you can request to have the Porta Potty with a "birthday", "anniversary" or "congratulations" sign put in someone's yard in Tipton or within a short distance. If interested, complete your request **at least one week** prior to when you want the Porta Potty in the yard. Forms are available in the church office and Fellowship Room. Insurance is still available for \$25 if you want to avoid having the Porta Potty in your yard. Profits will go towards next year's work trip.

Shared Blessings

Volunteers are needed to help with food preparation for the Shared Blessings community meals. To make the Shared Blessings Saturdays (2nd, 4th, & 5th) go more smoothly, especially when we're low on volunteers, it's helpful to do some food prep (such as preparing casseroles) ahead of time. We also have chickens and turkeys in the freezer and could use some help in getting the meat off the bones. When there's an over abundance of vegetables during the summer months, we also, at times, preserve food to keep costs down and have it available for future use. If you have an interest in helping with this ministry, please contact Renee Mente or Jane Moen.

Prayer Shawls

Thank you to all who are knitting or crocheting prayer shawls, lap robes and baby blankets. If you have any interest in knitting or crocheting, contact Berrie Glick or Lois Salmonson. If you know of someone who would benefit from this ministry, stop by the church office. We have plenty of prayer shawls on hand and need your help in getting them out to people who are experiencing an illness, grieving the loss of a loved one or could just use some TLC.

UMCOR Health Kits

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

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

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

If you'd like a copy of the Thanksgiving Ingathering brochure, an up-dated brochure is available in the Fellowship Room or the church office. The Dedication of Ingathering kits will be held on Sunday, October 26 so all kits must be turned in by that date. Our goal is to collect 100 kits this year. The Ingathering will be held on Saturday, November 1.

Prayers

Healing: Karen Anderson, Linda Black (J. Keller's sis), Joe Cheshareck (G. Fleming's bro-in-law), Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Eugene Edler (I. Wood's bro); 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, Kyle McKinney, Edna Miller (J Ohrt's sister), Mandy Ohrt (Judy's dau), Pat (Mary McKinney step-mom), Dawn Spickermann, Joe T., Gary Taylor, Jim Shontz, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Connie Back (Roberta Gesling's mom) now living at Crestview in West Branch

Frances Kuehl now living at Cedar Manor

Gerri Reeve (broken arm and she's a sister of Ken Mente)

Family of Kenneth Mente (Murry's father) who died August 19

Betty Turner is now home from the hospital and will need to gain strength.

Family of Mike Eisele whose parents have major decisions on the horizon

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., Sept. 17th.**

**Meeting of the Holy Folders is
Wed., Sept. 24th.**

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

COMMUNITY GRIEF GROUP

Six Wednesdays, October 8 – November 12, 2014
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Tipton

Grief is our natural response to loss; and loss is part of life. Therefore, grief is inevitable. Mourning is the active work of dealing with that grief. Mourning can be a work we set out to do, by learning and practicing mourning skills. OR, mourning can carve it's own gorge through our emotions and relationships, eroding whatever is in its way. Our culture isn't very tooled for mourning. In fact, mourning is not encouraged. People are supposed to 'be over it' by the time bereavement leave is exhausted.

Do not assume that you or loved ones are born with the coping tools, techniques and abilities to mourn the losses of life. And, don't think that time [alone] will make it all better! If you have questions contact the church office, Sherry Willey, or Pastor Paul at pastor@tiptonumc.org or 563-886-2331. This is open to the 'community' so be sure to invite friends and neighbors, at least offer rides and if possible offer to companion a friend through the sessions.

ALUMNI REUNION of the Grief Group

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at noon

Gather at T-Beck's at the Bowling Alley

[curious and/or supportive non-alums are welcome]



United Methodist Women

September Circle Meetings

Abigail — Wed., Sept. 17th at 8:00 p.m.

Mary Martha — Fri., Sept. 19th at 1:30 p.m.

Priscilla — Thurs., Sept. 25th at 7:00 p.m.

EC District United Methodist Women

Annual Meeting - September 20

(registration due Sept. 12)

Annual meeting will be held at First UM Church, 214 E. Jefferson Street, Iowa City; handicapped accessibility available on Dubuque Street.

Registration/coffee at 9:00 a.m./meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. Preregistration fee is \$7 per person and is due by Friday, September 12; send to Judi Barta, 2604 Auburn Hills Lane NE, Solon IA 52333. Contact Judi at 319-351-7741 with any questions.

September Sunday Servants

Liturgists Twyla Hein - Coordinator

- 14 – Bob Cummins
- 21 – Karen Strefling
- 28 – Comstock Family

Power Point Becky Young - Coordinator

- 7 – Brian or MJ Heil (both)
- 14 – Becky Young (create), Kristin C. (run)
- 21 – Melinda Stonebraker (both)
- 28 – Alec Heil (both)

Fellowship Coffee Rick Rouse - Coordinator

- 7 – College Connections Luncheon
- 14 – J. & Roberta Gesling, Rick & Judy Rouse, Ken & Deb McKay
- 21 – Rick & Heidi Shumaker, Bob & Barb Rickard, Marjorie Stonerook
- 28 – Ruel & Jan Wehde, Nancy Burroughs, Pat Fankhauser

Ushers Lorna Muller - Coordinator

- 7 – 28 Richard Anderson & Rich Zobel,
- 7 – 28 Kay & Marvin Miller

Greeters Becky Young - Coordinator

- 7 – Wayne & Ann Neville
- 14 – Marjorie Stonerook & Sherry Willey
- 21 – J & Roberta Gesling
- 28 – Jeff & Mary McKinney

Nursery Office - Coordinator

- 7 – Mary & Chris McKinney
- 14 – Jen Johnson
- 21 – Ann Jurgensen
- 28 – Kris Clark

Children's Lesson Office - Coordinator

- 7 – Pastor Paul
- 14 – Gail Fleming
- 21 – A willing volunteer, is it you?
- 28 – Nifer Comstock

Communion Stewards Donna Gault - Coordinator

- 7 – Dick & Helen Palmer

Video Camera Mary McKinney - Coordinator

- 7 – Steven Licht
- 14 – Comstock Family
- 21 – Steven Licht
- 28 – McKinney Family

Acolytes Kim Walter - Coordinator

- 7 – Kayla & Mack Walter
- 14 – Zoe Stonebraker & Avery Calonder
- 21 – Caleb Shumaker & Dawson Mente
- 28 – Davis Webb & Margaret O'Leary

Presence and Gifts from July

Presence: Worship: 6 – 71, 13 – 82, 20 – 92, 27 – 99

Average attendance: Worship: 86

Gifts: General Fund \$11,858.00 , • Upper Room \$7.72 , • Closed the Windows Fundraiser \$545.00, • Apportionments \$10.00, • Shared Blessings \$27.00, • Copper Kettle \$185.06, • Mission Work Trip \$25.00, • Porta Potty - Work Trip \$505.00, • Mission - Rummage Sale \$20.00, • **Grand Total \$13,182.78**

Worship in September

Worship begins at 10:30!
Classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m.

Sept. 7 — Communion; Consecration of Christian Formation leaders during Worship

Music: Keyboards, Chancel Choir

Theme: Introduction of "The Story"

Sept. 14 — 2nd Graders receive Bibles

Music: Chaos, Choir Kids

Theme: Creation: The Beginning As We Know It

Sept. 21 —

Music: Keyboards, Chancel Choir

Theme: God Builds a Nation

Sept. 28 —

Music: Chaos, Choir Kids

Theme: Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

GROWTH & IMPACT GROUPS = GIGs

GIGs are re-forming after most took a little break during August. Many continuing GIGs will be using THE STORY for their curriculum as they continue to share, pray for one another, and provide spiritual encouragement. NEW GIGs need to be formed for more folks to benefit! {GIGs may include persons from outside 1st UMC.}

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.

THE STORY is an all-church effort to deepen our familiarity with the Bible and God's immersion in our lives. We have invited all teachers to consider using age-appropriate materials in class. Some had other plans and that's okay. But all children pre-school through middle school will be receiving at least some materials/information weekly so they can keep up with the whole-church program. Our prayer is that families will take this opportunity to share insights and experiences based on the Bible events covered that week.

Small groups are essential to transformation. Would YOU be in one Sunday morning? We're looking for a new group to start, meeting during the Sunday School hour.

On a nuts-and-bolts level: Zondervan Publishing has made age-appropriate materials available from pre-readers through adult. BUT, these materials cost money. It's possible that a family could spend many, many dollars if they need various readability levels of the Bible. Well, here's the church's cost of materials, including tax:

- \$5.30 Adult hardback book
- \$5.30 Participant book (esp. for persons in a small group)
- \$5.30 Teen Edition of THE STORY
- \$5.30 THE STORY for upper elementary Kids; softcover
- \$10.60 THE STORY for lower elementary; hardcover
- \$9.54 THE STORY for preschool; hardcover

We also ordered sets of the trading cards for preschool children and elementary children. These 31

trading cards, which is one for each lesson, will be given to the younger students one-per-Sunday as the lessons are presented. They will provide a family a great way to keep track of their progress through the Bible!

But back to the costs... If a family is aged right they could 'need' one of each item and that would amount to \$41.34!!! That is **not** feasible. SO, we are asking persons to simply donate toward the resource costs as you wish and certainly without putting hardship on you/your family. I mentioned a couple Sundays ago the CR Gazette article that detailed what it costs to put children into "free, public" education! This is not an inexpensive time of the year for families.

Giving an example, Jane and I will probably each get a copy of THE STORY and a Participants Guide.* Well we can kick in more than the \$10.60 that costs. (No one in our house goes to school!!) Keep in mind, for many classes and groups, this is the "curriculum cost" for the year, so even your Sunday school offering will go toward this overhead, so do not fret if you put in less than "the cost" of the materials!!

All the above resources will be available Sundays, Aug. 31 & Sept. 7. Regardless if you have funds with you, GET YOUR MATERIALS!

HEY, use this opportunity to invite neighbors, friends and family to learn **THE STORY** with you in worship and a GIG. There are many people who would appreciate the opportunity if asked.

Pastor Paul

* I love the art work in "The Story of Little Ones" but I've been told I should use the 'adult' material. :-(

Child, Youth and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy

Mission Statement

As members of First United Methodist Church (FUMC), we believe, in accordance with our Christian principles, that it is in the best interest of the church and the children, youth and vulnerable adults of the church to adopt policies, procedures, screening tools and training to better protect the physical, mental and emotional well-being of the children, youth and vulnerable adults who participate in FUMC sponsored activities.

Purpose of Policy

The purpose for determining and implementing policies and procedures for staff and volunteers who work with children, youth and vulnerable adults in the church is to protect the children, youth and vulnerable adults from abuse and the staff and volunteers from being unfairly accused of abusing any child(ren) or youth of vulnerable adults in any manner.

If you are or plan to or would like to be part of the faith-formative process with children and/or youth of this church, we expect you to be cleared via the Safe Sanctuary Policy of this church. That includes having a background check done and participating in the obligatory 1½ hr. long class in which we remind one another of the importance of "Safe Sanctuary." We will be scheduling a class session to September. Give your name to the church office if you are a person needing to attend and we will schedule the class so you can be there. If we do not have on file a background check for you, request the permission form from the church office. There is no cost to you for that background check.

Choir Kids Starting Sept. 7th Kick-Off Party Sept. 7th

This is an open invitation for all kids, grades K-6th, who like to sing, to join Choir Kids.

We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:30, before the start of Sunday school, and we perform for worship services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

I am hosting a Kick-Off Hot Dog Roast for Choir Kids and their families, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, 5:30 – 7:00, at my house, 1118 Stonemill Road. Bring lawn chairs and a dish to share (if you want). Otherwise, I will provide the hot dogs, marshmallows, drinks, and table service. If you would like more information, please contact me at 319-430-6172.

I am looking forward to a great year with a great bunch of kids! Denise Cartwright



Kids for Christ

is a service oriented group that meets once a month, Oct. - April, usually on the 2nd Sunday, from 2:30 – 4:30. We do crafts, visit our friends at Cedar Manor, and then return to the church for snacks. All ages, including adults, are welcome. Kids are encouraged to invite a friend. Volunteers are always needed and blessed. We will meet October 12th, so mark your calendars. Questions? Please contact Denise Cartwright.

Friends Adult Class

The “Friends” adult Sunday school class will start the year September 7th with Adam Hamilton’s 6-session DVD study, When Christians Get It Wrong. Here’s a brief description: When young adults talk about the problems they have with Christianity and the church, they often name certain attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced too often by Christians: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and being anti-homosexual. With his familiar style, Adam Hamilton tackles these issues and addresses the how’s and why’s of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world. Look interesting? Please join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, Room 113, Education Wing.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS LIFE-GIVING activities!

College Students AND Parents Up-date Contact Information

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

EDUCATION WING is all spruced up for the school year AND for it’s 50th birthday, which happens in 2015. Adult classes, Little Friends Preschool, scout troops, Sunday school classes, Grief Group and more will be using those rooms.

Yes, one of the original purposes of the Education Wing over 50 years ago was to reach into the community with a pre-school. The other day I figured out that of the 156 children up to 12th grade enrolled in Sunday school last year over 39 of them have a history with Little Friends Preschool. It is gratifying and glorifying to have the facilities used Monday-Friday mornings and afternoons, AND it is one way to provide a gentle introduction to young families!!

BAPTISMS:

Kinley Jo Williams, daughter of Julie and Will, sister of Finn, was baptized August 2.

Zoe Joy and Lea MaryAnn Stonebraker were baptized August 23. they are the daughters of Melinda and Ryan.

The next baptism Sunday is scheduled for Oct. 19. Talk to Pastor Paul if you’d like to be included!!

MEMBERSHIP Recognition will also be part of that service on the 19th of October. The best preparation for “membership” in this or any church is participation by **prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness!**

By the way, if you are already a ‘**MEMBER**’ you committed to those five

To my Church Family,

I am completely stunned and overwhelmed with all of the acts of loving kindness that have been showered upon me by all of you. A special thank you to the Missions Committee and the Missions Work Team for choosing to stay in Tipton this year and choosing my house as a work project. I am so grateful for your help. I could not do this work on my own. A million thanks to everyone involved in replacing my roof, removing wet boxes and carpeting from my flooded basement, and yard work. Thank you for the warm meals and fellowship. Thank you for taking me to the Kernel's baseball game and Pizza Ranch in the middle of the whole project. Thank you if you put up with having a decorated toilet in your front yard, or if you donated money to keep it away from your yard! Thank you for your acts of kindness. Also, thank you for your prayerful extravagant hospitality. We were blessed with perfect weather and nobody was injured during the work project!

God bless you all,
Rhonda Waugh

NEW ADDRESS:

Steve and Marjie Lee & Harrison; 1003 Bond St., Moberly, Missouri, 65270

WEDDING:

Amber Spangler and Brian Boedeker were married August 16. "May God fill you [each] with grace."

THANKS Sylvia Ferguson and Lois Salmonson for spending hours going through the resources of the church library and sorting, arranging, dusting... Yes, they did some READING, too!

As I write this, there are 2 tables of FREE BOOKS in the Fellowship Room. Perhaps when you read this they'll all be gone, but just in case they are not, hurry and check out this 'DEAL'.

THANKS Jan and Ruel Wehde who have done a lot of grounds-keeping. There are more identified areas in need of someone taking responsibility. YOU, perhaps?

THANKS Kathy Houstman for cleaning & painting the ceiling of LL-10.

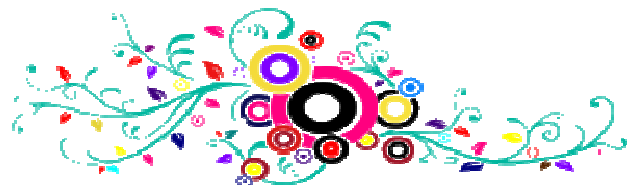
THANKS Aaron Comstock for substituting for custodian Don Griffith who is taking a couple weeks off. BTW: Don has waxed all the tile floors in the Education Wing so they are ready for use!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(members and constituents)

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

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



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**

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

Basic class facilitated by Lynn Calvert and Corey Ramsey

Advanced class: Leading in Prayer facilitated by Steve Kahler and Colleen Petaros

JAM = Jesus And Maintenance is a once-a-month breakfast/devotion/maintenance around the church. The breakfast and devotions are done by 7:45 so people who work in town can still get there by 8:00. Whoever wishes to stay around here, for however long, can do cleaning and/or [light] maintenance around the building. YOU are invited: **Tuesday, September 9 @ 7:00 a.m.!!**



Rx Healthy Church Initiative

HEALTHY CHURCH INITIATIVE UPDATE

We intend to have copies of the Consultation Report always available at the rear of the worship center and in the breezeway... and, of course, upon request. If you have internet capability it is also linked on www.tiptonumc.org. If you and/or a group you are part of would like to have a conversation about the HCI Consultation Report, talk to anyone on the Leadership Council or Jennifer in the office or Pastor Paul to make arrangements. It will take each of us to effect a more healthy First United Methodist Church of Tipton!!

PRESCRIPTON (Rx) PROGRESS:

1. The day after the May 28 vote we changed the church mission statement to: "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

2. [Rx 1)a)] We did experience through June and July a "Sabbath from all non-essential activity." Please realize that worship was in fact offered twice every week; many people were involved with Vacation Bible School; the mission work week went well with super participation and results; musicians continued their commitments of practice and preparation; and the Fellowship Room updates are functioning. The "non-essential Sabbath" ended August 1, in theory, but in reality, our life together and our lives individually are in constant evaluation and involvement based on what we each deem to be "essential" activities.

3. [Rx 1)b)] By the time you've read this we have experienced a Visioning Event (August 24) and, as I write this, I pray that we will have wide, intent participation from all demographics of the church.

Wow!! Worship attendance through the summer has been, well, let's just say it set new records... and not the sort of record you can write home about. It is certainly true that no one needs to search for things to do, Sunday morning nor any other day. But worship is also an option for an activity that creates family memories and strength. Please consider it.

Year to-date there have been some families who have been really generous with financial offerings. Their generosity has allowed the minimal programming to continue. For example:

- We've had a huge demand this summer for emergency food assistance – and this is after making many referrals to the food pantry at Calvary Foursquare, which is the "official" pantry with HACAP partnership.
- Your VBS leadership was tremendous!

4. [Rx 1)c)] The named vision Team of Bob Young, Melinda Stonebraker and Kim Walter are integrating your input from the August 24th Visioning Event to create a "clear, compelling vision for the next 5 years of ministry." They intend to present that to the Leadership Council Sept. 10.

5. [Rx 2)] The Consultation Report said it should be done by August 1, but we're behind a bit on naming the team to create the Discipleship Pathway. In fact, the lead on this Rx is being given to the Neighbors & Disciples Team with some new folks added on the basis of gifts and interest. Their Nov. 1 presentation goal remains in place, as does the January 1 implementation goal.

6. [Rx 3)] The "Evangelism & Relational Outreach Team" is coming together with just a slot or two still open, to be filled by October 1.

7. [Rx 4)a)] Shortly after you read this we should have in place the "Radical Hospitality Design Team."

8. [Rx 4)b)] We have a couple ideas for the "Connections" team but if this seems to have an attraction for you, please let Pastor Paul know.

As you can see, we'll be mobilizing a large corps to address this multi-faceted effort. Many of these Teams have a fairly small window in which to create systems and to begin to alter the culture of this church. Such transition will take energy and grace. Energy because new ways of doing things require more effort than the old, known ways. Grace because, well, change is always difficult. Prayer needed.

These changes will need to be more than skin-deep. To make it happen, the Body of Christ needs no spectators; only participants!

- Shared Blessings has served without fail, with Lions Club, Knights of Columbus and Trinity Lutheran taking their turn. Have YOU taken your turn??
- Musicians have been active all summer.
- We've had funerals and weddings and hospitalizations and classes and workshops...
- Hours and dollars have been spent on the building to be sure it is suitable and ready for ministry now and into the future.

But we are not called by Christ to be "minimal" Christians. (In fact, that MUST be an oxymoron!) God has placed within our realm of influence great challenges... and more than sufficient resources to address those needs. If you have not recently considered your stewardship of prayers, presence, financial offerings, time and witness, do it today! You'll be surprised by the generosity of God!

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