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United Methodist News

February 2015

3rd Annual Valentine's Day Dinner

The YOUTH Group will be hosting their third Valentine Dinner on Sunday, February 15th.

Doors will open at 5:30
Meal will be Served at 6:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$15.00

There is limited seating, so please don't delay in getting your ticket to a pleasant evening of good food and adult conversation.

Child care will be provided.

February Events

- Feb. 1 — Caring Ministry Souper Bowl
Sunday
- Feb. 4 — YOUTH Group
- Feb. 8 — Membership Orientation
Kids for Christ
- Feb. 14 — Shared Blessings
- Feb. 15 — Valentine Dinner
- Feb. 17 — Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Feb. 18 — Ash Wednesday Service
Newsletter Articles Due
- Feb. 22 — One Great Hour of Sharing
Offering
- Feb. 25 — Meeting of the Holy Folders
- Feb. 28 — Shared Blessings

A chief cause of worry and unhappiness in life is trading what we want most for what we want at the moment.

—Maralee McKee, author



Local Access Cable

On January 5th, 2015 the Tipton City Council approved a change in the format of the Local Access cable channel. This format change was brought about by the need to replace the aging equipment used to provide information and video to Mediacom. The council voted against replacing the equipment in favor of a much simpler format. Unfortunately, this

simpler format does not support video to be broadcast on the channel so FUMC will no longer be able to provide the Sunday service on TV. The Creative Worship work area is currently investigating other methods for making the recorded service available. Options include putting the service on DVD and distributing the disks, or online via the website, or a streaming service such as YouTube. Either option will require the purchase of additional equipment to make the distribution possible. If there isn't sufficient interest we may simply discontinue recording the service on a regular basis.

If you are interested in access to a recorded version of the Sunday worship service please contact the office at office@tiptonumc.org or 563-2331.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



Paul's Ponderings

THE STORY continues! We're in the midst of listening in as the Northern Kingdom, "Israel," failed time and again to be faithful and fell to the Assyrians. Judah is next, as the Babylonians become the area's power and they take the effort and have the persistence to take down Jerusalem. In the midst of the demise of both North and South, we see the effects of occasional kings (five of 38 in 208 years!) who are faithful and "walk with God." That's not a tremendous record, is it?

Now we will go toward the stories of exile to far regions of the Babylonian Empire and, by the end of February, return to the land. That return was made possible by the demise of the Babylonian empire and the Rise of the Persian Empire under Cyrus King of Persia.

Do you see the pattern? There is a constant tug-of-war as powers ebb and flow in the region. One of my understandings of the 'power' and influence of King David was that he happened to be king when there was a vacuum of foreign influence from Egypt to the southwest and the Eastern influence. Timing is everything!

If you have not yet taken advantage of THE STORY resources and small groups (GIGs) I invite you to do so. Your Story is part of THE STORY.

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Epiphany, like Chanukah, is about light. Chanukah, like Epiphany, calls the faithful to pay attention to the way a tiny light illuminates the darkness. #PlusLight is a virtual project conceived by artist Tobi Kahn to focus on seeing light in everyday life, and sharing light and hope in the face of the daunting realities of our time. Photographers from around the world have shared images of light. See them all: <http://jccmanhattan.org/pluslight/>. (from a newsletter of the Wesley Foundations)

*Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.*

—Max Lucado, author and preacher

1<sup>st</sup> UMC of Marion and Christ UMC of Davenport are putting together a mission team to go to Haiti in a few months. We're equi-distant between Marion and Davenport, so we'll be hosting their combined group for five Sunday afternoon orientation sessions between now and March 8<sup>th</sup>. One thing that makes us able to do this is the completed update of the Gathering Place. It allows them to have their self-contained space while we still have dominoes and the youth Valentine Dinner. Another benefit of our faithfulness!

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Is your life 'crazy'??? If so, here's an old Celtic prayer that you might want to put on your 'morning mirror':

Lord, help me to relax.

Take from me the tension that makes peace impossible.

Take from me the fears that do not allow me to venture.

Take from me the worries that blind my sight.

Take from me the distress that hides Your joy.

Help me to know that I am with You,

that I am in Your care, and in Your love,

that You and I are one. Amen.

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Jennifer Comstock held the position of Administrative Ministries Coordinator nearly 4 years and moved the church forward in a number of areas. She did what needed to be done, and had a wide definition of "other duties as assumed." Jennifer has resigned that position. We thank her for her service to the church these past years.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee met January 20 to begin the process of seeking a replacement. The [default] hours will continue to be 8 to noon, M-F. Contact Pastor Paul for more information; or send a letter of application to the church. A Job Description is posted outside the office.

Pastor Paul

# Missions

## 2014 Missions Report

Thank you for so generously giving to Missions projects and making this church, by your prayers, participation and giving, a church that reaches well beyond these walls to bring glory to Jesus Christ and his love to many people. The Missions team anticipates that our church will be recognized as a 3<sup>rd</sup> mile Rainbow Covenant Church for the 8th year in a row! The Rainbow Covenant program helps churches develop an intentional approach to funding mission in the U.S. and globally. The copper kettle receipts or “noisy offering” taken during worship adds up as we collected \$2,993 in 2014.

Here is a summary of the projects supported in 2014: CWS Blankets - \$427.49; Cedar Rapids Matthew 25 Hub Ministry - \$101.42; UMCOR Sager Brown Depot - \$200; Ingathering - \$2,303.50; Women at the Well - \$125; Imagine No Malaria - \$200; Tree of Life - \$235; Easter Pool Offering (i.e. Human Relations, Rural Life) - \$1,964.40; One Great Hour of Sharing - \$650; Project CrossRoads/Mark Stransky - \$940; Project Crossroads - \$235; Mission of Hope - \$150; Builder’s Call - \$230; Hispanic/Latino Ministries - \$125; Trinity UMC – Des Moines - \$125; Work Trip/ Roof - \$3,811.13; Benevolence fund - \$2,178.45; 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Food Pantry - \$235; and Shared Blessings - \$4,800. The amounts listed include cash and in-kind donations.

Our total amount for missions giving (including apportionments) was \$52,235.41. In addition to these donations, many of you experienced being the “hands and feet of Jesus in the community and world” by helping neighbors and strangers. Thank you.

## Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper February 17

Stop by the church for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, and homemade applesauce on Tuesday, February 17 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

Our church is collecting the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering on February 22**. Join United Methodists everywhere by participating in this special offering that supports United Methodist Committee On Relief’s (UMCOR) vital work.

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti’s 2010 earthquake or Hurricane Sandy of 2012—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

Your generous giving to One Great Hour of Sharing is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ’s church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church’s compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus’ name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through One Great Hour of Sharing. In fact, it’s your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

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 February 22 or anytime this month using the envelope in this newsletter!



(Missions Continued)

## Project Crossroads Up-date

Mark Stransky is the United Methodist missionary you financially support at Project Crossroads in Marion, Virginia. In 2014, we gave \$235 to Project Crossroads and \$940 to Mark Stransky. A group from our church did a work trip to Virginia in 2013 and assisted with the fire wood ministry described in the Project Crossroads winter 2015 newsletter. This is Mark's up-date on this ministry: "It was a cold November! Our wood ministry got off to a roaring start in early November as usual. By the time we began delivering firewood, our list had grown to 20 households. By mid-January, we will be out of dry, seasoned wood. This is about normal for our wood supply, but we could always use more. So far this winter, we have delivered approximately 80 pickup loads of firewood to 55 households. On a firewood delivery just before Christmas, an in-home nurse came out of a trailer and said "If you haven't met Kimberly, come on inside and let me show you who you're keeping warm." **I'll never forget meeting Kimberly!** She was a teenager paralyzed from the neck down and could not speak. **But, her eyes said it all, she melted my heart.** Thank you for all your support! God Bless, your friend in faith – Mark Stransky

## Mission Work Trip

The Missions team has tentatively set aside the week of July 12 for the annual summer work trip. The type of work or location has NOT been decided, but as you work on your 2015 calendar, we wanted you to be able to pencil in the dates and plan to be a part of the work trip team. Applications will be available in early March.

## Souper Bowl – February 1

Kick off Souper Bowl Sunday with homemade soup right after worship on February 1st! A freewill offering will be taken to support Caring Ministries! Through Caring Ministries, you send out birthday, anniversary, sympathy and anniversary of loss cards, visit those who don't get out and about much, offer support through prayer shawls, etc.

As a church, we can always do more to show our support and love for one another. Caring Ministries only supplements what YOU already do. Please continue to reach out, develop relationships and show you care with your friends, neighbors and strangers.

Mark your calendars for the Souper Bowl soup lunch now! Hope you can join us on February 1st!



## Prayer Shawl Ministries

The Prayer Shawl Ministries of our church have had a busy year as they continue to meet the needs of our church and the community. The knitters and crocheters have created approximately 90 different kinds of prayer shawls, baby blankets, lap robes and other items this year. Members of our congregation have delivered 39 gifts, this year, to families with the joy of a new baby, or someone who is grieving or hurting and could use a warm hug that a prayer shawl would bring, or a lap robe to someone who is confined to a wheel chair or bed to warm their legs or bodies. Our hope is that they will feel the love and prayers that have gone into its making.

If you know of someone that would enjoy the comfort of a prayer shawl, lap robe or baby blanket, we have a good supply of all in the cupboards found in the Wesley Room right behind the church office.

We would appreciate that you sign out the item being delivered to someone on the forms provided in the plastic box on the shelf. We invite anyone who likes to knit or crochet to join in this ministry by using your own God given talents in bringing comfort and joy to other families. Berrie Glick still brings beautiful yarn into the Gathering Room, once a month, for anyone wishing to do this. The only thing we ask is that you say a prayer for the unknown person who will receive this gift and also for God to bless the person making this item. **We are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ!** Lois Salmonson



**Sunday, February 8th**

**2:30 to 4:30**

**All ages are welcome!**

We will make crafts, visit our friends at Cedar Manor, and enjoy snacks.

Helpers and drivers are always appreciated and blessed. Parents are welcome to stay and participate or, perhaps enjoy a two hour "break" instead. Kids are encouraged to invite a friend.

Please contact Denise Cartwright (886-2249) if you would like more information.



## Grief Group for Healing and Support

March 4 – April 8 at 4:30 p.m.

Sherry Willey and Pastor Paul will co-convene a six-session intensive Grief Group for members of the community. The goals of these sessions is to provide a safe setting for participants to be honest about their feelings; to build skills for and practice expression of our grief; learn and practice “tasks of grieving,” and take charge of this new season of life. Beyond that, it’s nearly inevitable that friendships are formed or deepened as people are welcome but not obligated to share from the deepest part of their heart.

### Birthdays

**Josie Janie Marie Slach**, sister of Anton, was born Dec. 20!! Parents are Chris and Joyce Slach.

**Edna Hamilton’s 104th birthday** is coming up February 20th.

**Deaths:** May God’s peace be with families and friends of...

**Vesta Kern**, who died December 26.

**Melissa Davis**, who died December 30. Parents are Red and Ferris Davis.

**Velma Hubler**, who died January 18. Josh [& Alisha] is a grandson.

**Esther Witmer**, who died January 22.

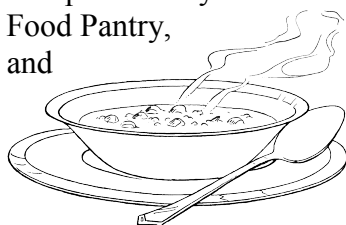
### Transitions

Born to Nikki Schmidt: **Cooper James Schmidt**, which makes Ken & Sherry Schmidt great-grandparents! Grandfather is Matt; and great-great grandparents include Millie Eiler, a resident of Prairie Hills.

### Graduating

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

**Thank you** for the great chicken noodle soup for the 2014 Community Soup Supper. Also, for the time, talent & treasure of your faithful in making this successful. It takes many hands & together as community it happens. At this time preliminary count looks like \$2,100 for the Food Pantry, Tipton Ministerial Association and Backpack Buddy Program, to be split equally three ways.  
Mike Boyle



## Membership

An ORIENTATION to the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will be held Sunday, February 8th from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Anyone wishing more information about the United Methodist Church, especially anyone with questions about membership, is welcome to attend. It will assist preparations if you let Pastor Paul know of your intentions to attend. A Membership Recognition Sunday will be scheduled prior to Easter.

**YOUTH FAMILIES:** Cedar County Decategorization is sponsoring an event at the Tipton High School April 28 to begin at 6:30 p.m. called “High in Plain Sight.” It is intended for parents and caregivers of youth. It will “cover a variety of topics including alcohol and drug clothing, alcoholic energy drinks, alcohol and drug concealment methods and containers, drug paraphernalia, drug related music and groups, youth party tendencies, party games and social networking sites.” Put it on your calendar now.

The session will be led by Officer Jermaine Galloway, a law enforcement officer since 1997 who has trained over 50,000 people nationwide. More information at [www.tallcopsaysstop.com](http://www.tallcopsaysstop.com).

## Weekday Audio Visual Operators Needed!

Volunteers available during the week are needed to operate the Audio Visual system in the sanctuary during funerals or other special events. Operation for these events would likely be as simple as turning the system on and off, and ensuring that the correct microphones are on and working. You do not need any prior experience, just a willingness to help and some free time during the week! Training for volunteers will be provided.

If interested, please sign up by contacting the office, or by filling out a registration insert. The office will maintain a list of available volunteers, and will contact individuals until the need is filled for a specific event.



**Newsletter articles are due  
Wed., Feb. 18th.**

**Meeting of the Holy Folders is  
Wed., Feb. 25th.**

## February Sunday Servants

### Liturgists Twyla Hein - Coordinator

- 8 – Roberta Gesling
- 15 – Erma Lyle
- 22 – Kathy Houstman

### Power Point Becky Young - Coordinator

- 1 – Brian Heil (Both)
- 8 – Carmen Hoffman (Both)
- 15 – Trina Hill (Both)
- 22 – Comstock Family (Both)

### Fellowship Coffee Barb Rickard & Dixie Martin - Coordinators

- 1 – Caring Ministries Soup Lunch
- 8 – Larry & Kathy Houstman, Rhonda Waugh, McKinney family
- 15 – Jerry & Sylvia Ferguson, Rich & Karen Zobel, J & Roberta Gesling
- 22 – Karen Strefling, Rick & Judy Rouse, Gail Fleming

### Greeters Becky Young - Coordinator

- 1 – Scott & Karen Anderson
- 8 – Steve & Vicki Daniel
- 15 – Rhonda Waugh & Pam Spear
- 22 – Rick & Heidi Shumaker

### Communion Stewards Donna Gault - Coordinator

Ken & Deb McKay

### Nursery Office - Coordinator

- 1 – Cummins-VanScoy Family
- 8 – Denise, Dawson & Dylan Mente
- 15 – Kim Walter
- 22 – Cheryl Person

### Children's Lesson Office - Coordinator

- 1 – Pastor Paul
- 8 – Deanna Licht
- 15 – Dusty Johnson
- 22 – Pastor Paul

### Video Camera Mary McKinney - Coordinator

- 1 – Still needing someone
- 8 – Jane Moen
- 15 – Still needing someone
- 22 – Ruel Wehde

### Ushers Lorna Muller - Coordinator

- 1 – 22 Bob & Glenda Holets, Wally & Judy Reidel

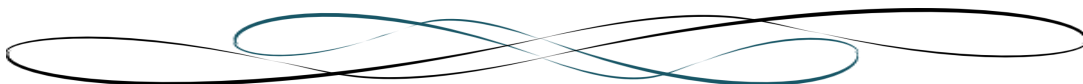
### Acolytes Kim Walter - Coordinator

- 1 – Gwen VanScoy & Adam Heil
- 8 – Zoe Stonebraker & Margaret O'Leary
- 15 – Jacob Boedeker & Ian Spangler
- 22 – Nicholas Eicher & Davis Webb

## Birthdays and Anniversaries (Members and Constituents)

- 1 – Sarah Leff, Dylan Mente, Vivian Wiskus, Gary & Betty Kline, Todd & Hannah Smith
- 4 – Teri Baird, Ben Donohoe, Arlo & Barbara Petersen
- 5 – Sandra Corbett, Dick Paul, Samantha Wulf
- 6 – Diana Mueller
- 7 – Bev Ehresman
- 8 – Stephanie Coppess, Sean Driscoll, Penny Webb, Skyler Winekauf-Schmidt
- 9 – Charles Donohoe, Lisa Gallagher, Traci Ormsby, Joyce & Christopher Slach
- 10 – Eric Clark
- 11 – Lonnie Nebergall, Bert Wagaman, Amanda & Jacob Paul
- 12 – Shane Boeve, Tenley Bormann
- 14 – Hadley Calonder, Ron Chambliss, Nathan Smith, Brandon Stark, Wayne & Ann Neville, Robert & Linda Wood
- 15 – Kerilynn Battey, Larry Houstman
- 16 – Nicki Aikman, Bob & Ginny Cummins
- 17 – Bailey Donohoe
- 18 – Kolton Mente
- 20 – Edna Hamilton, Savannah Levell, Daisy Wingert, Sheryl Yerington
- 21 – Ken McKay, Connie Paul, Ron & Nancy Burroughs
- 22 – Alex Anderson
- 23 – Amanda Amosson, Glenn L. Eaton, James Gardner, Ronald Wingert, Deanna & Ted Licht
- 24 – Kody Wallick
- 25 – Jo Ann Brennan, Jerry Elijah, Randy Nau, Arlo Petersen, Max & Judy Keller
- 26 – Jaclynne Driscoll
- 27 – Brad Kirkpatrick
- 28 – Matthew Griebel, Rick Rouse, Dee Wallace
- 29 – Brock Huston

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



**HEALTHY CHURCH INITIATIVE #3: HCI**  
**EVANGELISM AND RELATIONAL OUTREACH:** identify a “Building Bridges Team” team to lead and facilitate the “building of bridges to the community.” The church will conduct bridge events outside the building and off-site to share the love of God with the community. The purpose of a bridge event is to build relationships with people not connected to the church. The Building Bridges Team will plan for invitation, radical hospitality, and follow-up with those who attend.

*1st “Bridge” Event  
 Friday, February 13 all day  
 at the Heartland Sports Center*

*More information and sign-up at worship  
 Sundays February 1 & 8 or the church office during the week or contact:*

*Gail Fleming, Denise Cartwright or Kris Clark.*

## Presence and Gifts from Dec.

**Presence: Worship:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 118, 14<sup>th</sup> – 128, 21<sup>st</sup> – 53, 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 – 65, 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 – 70, 28<sup>th</sup> – 141

**Sunday School:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 78, 14<sup>th</sup> – 79, 21<sup>st</sup> – 63, 28<sup>th</sup> – NA

**Average attendance:**

Worship: 110, Sunday School: 73

**Gifts:** General Fund \$16,652.11, • Preschool Facility Use \$100.00, • Apportionments \$300.00, • The Story \$46.00, • Caring Ministry \$30.00, • Shared Blessings \$7.41, • Youth Event \$100.00, • Missions \$50.00, • Copper Kettle \$279.99, Missions - Festival of Talents \$3.00, • Christmas Offering \$2,135.00, • Thanksgiving Offering \$70.00, • Angel Tree \$125.81, • **Grand Total \$19,899.32**



Some of the new furnishings in the Gathering Room

**General Budget** expenditures (In each of the years below, all bills were paid; maybe not timely, but paid.)

|                                                               |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2010 General Budget Expenses                                  | \$177,718.00 |
| 2011 General Budget Expenses                                  | \$170,230.89 |
| 2012 General Budget Expenses<br>(88% of the \$181,439 budget) | \$159,800.10 |
| 2013 General Budget Expenses<br>(94% of the \$183,931 budget) | \$172,896.53 |
| 2014 General Budget Expenses<br>(94% of the \$191,814 budget) | \$180,335.72 |

It cannot be the goal of any faith community to see how frugal it can be... it must be a goal to see how faithful and fruitful we can be. Evidenced above, the leadership of 1st UMC aims to do ministry as efficiently as possible. The fruitfulness is left to each and every one of us. All financial records are ‘open.’ Monthly spreadsheets of the General Budget are posted in the Gathering Place and a re-cap is in the newsletter; weekly offering receipts are included in the Sunday program.

Couple more items about this church’s finances:

We attempt to be totally transparent with all financial accounts. If you have questions about some account, it’s possible that: a) others may also be wondering; b) we might need to consider some additional reporting. Express your questions to the appropriate people so we know what information is needed!

We’re trying to keep up with Internal Revenue Service expectations. SO, some of you who have been at worship in January and picked up your year-end statement of giving (thank you!) will be receiving or have already received another one that includes the required IRS disclaimer.

### TREASURERS – It’s Audit time!

Please have your 2014 ‘books’ at the church by noon, Sunday February 22. Sometime during that week, someone on the auditing team will check it over. We plan to have audits completed by noon, Sunday, March 1, and you may pick them up following worship.

ANYONE [with a calculator] – If you would like to assist with the audits, give your name to the church office or Pastor Paul

## 1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

March is the one time/year the Leadership Council considers proposals for the use of income from the 1st UMC Endowment Fund. Please submit any proposals to the church office before March 11!! There are three designated categories from which funds may be requested:

- A. Missions/People projects: Local, District, Conference, National, international
  - B. Maintenance/Trustees: major repairs, major improvements, special objects or furnishings
  - C. Ministry/Program Development: Education, communication, evangelism, worship
- Guidelines state that income from Endowments may never go toward on-going, budgeted expenses of the church. Furthermore, the founding document states:

The existence of this Endowment Fund must in no way reduce the responsible current support and involvement of the church members.

Proposals may come from groups, committees or individuals, though it's preferred they come from a group or committee.

A reminder: YOU can add to the corpus of the 1st UMC Endowment Fund!! Talk to your financial planner; or contact Brian Boedeker, Bob Young or Vicki Daniel, members of the Endowment Committee.



## Backyard Boyz

The Backyard Boyz is multi-day after-school program for boys in grades 6 through 8 living just north of downtown Des Moines in the vicinity of Trinity United Methodist Church. The ministry empowers young men to explore the possibilities for growth and change within them, among them, and around them (in their own "backyard").

During these coldest days of the year, for example, the Backyard Boyz are giving back to persons in the community who are living without the basics. For Martin Luther King Day, the middle school Boyz will serve homeless persons by packaging and distributing personal care packages, including such items as toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, floss, deodorant, Band-Aids, antibiotic ointment, lotion, combs, razors, shaving cream, water bottles, socks, hats, and gloves.

Young people who have aged out of the program and gone on to high school sometimes return as mentors. Not only does this encourage and inspire the next generation of Backyard Boyz. It also allows these older students to continue to work on their own self-development and leadership skills.

The Backyard Boyz represent only one component of a larger ministry, the [Children and Family Urban Movement](#). CFUM's mission "is to create a community that supports the potential of children, youth, and families through educational success, healthy living, and community engagement."

*Apportionment gifts from United Methodist churches all over Iowa have helped to support CFUM.*

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## WALK TO EMMAUS

A Free Gift for Yourself and Those You Care About

| <u>Date</u>                    | <u>Walk</u>                       | <u>Location</u>                                            |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>02/19/2015 - 02/22/2015</b> | <a href="#">Men's Walk #163</a>   | <a href="#">Marshalltown First United Methodist Church</a> |
| <b>03/05/2015 - 03/08/2015</b> | <a href="#">Women's Walk #164</a> | <a href="#">Marshalltown First United Methodist Church</a> |
| <b>10/22/2015 - 10/25/2015</b> | <a href="#">Men's Walk #165</a>   | <a href="#">Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca</a>                           |
| <b>11/05/2015 - 11/08/2015</b> | <a href="#">Women's Walk #166</a> | <a href="#">Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca</a>                           |

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





# United Methodist Women

# Prayers

## February Circle Meetings

**Abigail** — Wed., Feb. 18th at 8:00 p.m.  
Hostess: Gail Fleming

**Mary Martha** — Fri., Feb. 20th at 1:30 p.m.  
Hostess: Erma Lyle

**Priscilla** — Thurs., Feb. 26th at 6:30 p.m.  
Hostess: Judy Reidel

## Worship in February

**Feb. 1** — “Daniel in Exile” (a.k.a. “How to read apocalyptic literature!”) (a.k.a. “Super Bowl” Sunday) Communion followed by a SOUPer Lunch!

**Scripture:** Luke 12:4-7, Daniel 3:19-27

**Music:** Chancel Choir & keyboards

**Feb. 8** — “The Return Home”

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:24-29, Haggai 1:2-9

**Music:** Christian Chaos, Choir Kids

**Feb. 15** — “The Queen of Beauty and Courage”  
Minute for Missions

**Scripture:** John 16:31-33; Esther 9:26-28

**Music:** Chancel Choir & keyboards

**Feb. 18** — Ash Wednesday worship @ 7:15 p.m.

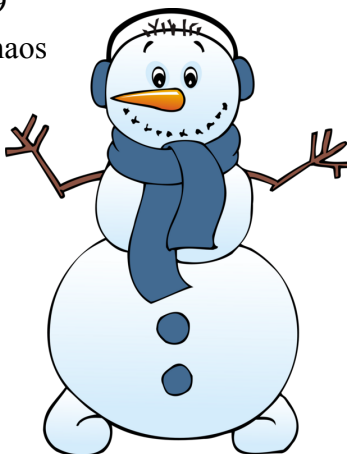
We’re going to center the worship on the person and message of the prophet Joel, a writing not referenced in THE STORY. But he ‘fits’ approximately in the time of history that our readings in THE STORY are covering.

**Feb. 22** — “Rebuilding the Walls” (and it’s the 1st Sunday of Lent)

**Scripture:** Mark 1:1-8; Nehemiah 1:1-9

**Music:** Choir Kids and Christian Chaos

*Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for humans.* Colossians 3:23



**Hospitalized/Procedures:** Keith Wood @ St. Luke’s  
**Healing:** Joyce Abbot (Candi Duesenberry’s mom), Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming’s bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook’s sister), Berrie Glick, Jean Heil (Brian’s mom), Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Calvin Kuehl, Erma Lyle, Ken McKay, Edna Miller (J Ohrt’s sister), Delores Rohlf, Jim Shontz, Charlotte Wagaman (Bert’s g’dau.), Gary Taylor, Alberta Wagaman, 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:** Wally Reidel, Melissa Bliss (wife of D. Cartwright’s nephew), Barb Knack (B. Cummin’s sis)

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Elmer Flory, Mabel Lamp, Henry Wiskus

**Armed Services:** Thomas Brown (Seydel’s son-in-law), Sean Hannes, Billy Hoffman, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby, Cole Weih



Kids for Christ made valentines for Caring Ministries.

## HCI: Neighbors and Disciples Work Group Update

During the past few months, our Neighbors and Disciples work group (N&D) has been focused on the task of creating a “discipleship pathway” in order to meet one of the prescriptions of the HCI. We intend to take the informal formation of our GIGs and Sunday school classes and make something more formal, the intent of many of the prescriptions. Toward this end we have researched the pathways in place at other churches and looked at various types of materials and curricula. Our goal is to have a simple pathway that will guide our people from where they are spiritually to one step more mature, then one more after that and so on, mostly through the power of small groups, both GIGs and classes (and other groups too?), but also through individual prayer and study.

Why should we do this? The UMC believes that discipleship is vital for all Christians. From paragraph 135 of the Book of Discipline 2012, “The ministry of all Christians consists of privilege and obligation. The privilege is a relationship with God that is deeply spiritual. The obligation is to respond to God’s call to holy living in the world. In the United Methodist tradition these two dimensions of Christian discipleship are wholly interdependent.” (page 97, emphasis added). Being a disciple of Jesus means that you know him, know how he lived, and then you live like him. The knowing him part is the relationship and it truly is a privilege. The living like him is the obligation and the two cannot be separated.

For me the “why” of discipleship is obvious: all people have work to do in order to know more about Christ and become more Christ-like. Further, the great commission commands us to make disciples. Through our own church’s new vision statement we see the faith journey of each of our people including “continual growth through small group and personal challenge”. For many in the church, one place to start is to get to know and love Jesus. I read a statement recently (maybe in one of those books N&D was using for research...) someone had written to God: “I don’t love you, I don’t want to love you, but, I want to want to love you.” Maybe we can relate, especially if we take a break from the busyness of life and take some time to reflect. If you can relate, and maybe even agree, the church has great resources and N&D is working to define and organize them. If you are not currently experiencing spiritual growth please prayerfully consider joining a GIG or class. If you’re already in one, talk to your group for encouragement - that’s what they’re there for. There are also several ways to personally challenge yourself: pick up a copy of the Upper Room (or get it emailed daily), pick a book of the Bible to read, or read along with The Story each week. For other ideas, ask Pastor Paul, or me, or anyone of us in N&D. Additionally, if you have input for us as we work on this discipleship pathway, please let us know.

Thank you! Melinda Stonebraker

*The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers.*

Acts 2:42 CEB



### Join Us May 15 & 16 for This Important Small Group Leader Training Event

SMALL GROUPS: BIG MINISTRY was born out of the common belief that small groups are important; that small groups are where lives are really changed; where real disciples of Jesus are made; and where we actually BE the Church. SMALL GROUPS: BIG MINISTRY is a leadership training event aimed at empowering small group leaders to lead groups where these things happen, regardless of our ministry settings. We are pleased to once again offer an exciting weekend of small group ministry training.

Chris Folmsbee, Director of Discipleship at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, will lead participants in an exciting two-day opportunity to explore the importance and power of small groups. Chris will empower small group leaders with innovative ideas for enhancing your group’s experience. This event is relevant for all pastors, Christian educators, and small group leaders. Register today and don’t miss out on this informative event!

More information can be found on our [blog!](#)

**Friday, May 15: 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 16: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Cost is \$50

Early bird registration: \$40 (by March 1)

Groups of 3 or more: \$40 each



Another new addition to  
the Gathering Room.

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| Feb 1       | 9:00am G.I.G. (Berean)<br>9:00am Sunday School (All ages)<br>10:30am Worship (Snctry)<br>11:30am Caring Ministries<br>Soup Lunch<br>2:00pm Haiti Mission Mtg (GP)<br>3:00pm Cedar Manor Service | 6:30pm GS Daisy Troop (#4218) (rm. 111)        | 4:00pm Communion @ Prairie Hills                                                                              | 10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study<br>6:00pm G.I.G. (Rm 113)<br>6:00pm G.I.G. (Johnson's)<br>6:15pm YOUth Group<br>7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)                                                                                        | 9:30am Communion @ Cedar Manor<br>10:00am G.I.G. (Rm. 113)<br>6:30pm Xn Chaos                                                                                                      | 6:30pm Basic and Advanced Lay Servant Training (Shueyville 1st UMC) | 9:00am Basic and Advanced Lay Servant Training (Shueyville 1st UMC)        |
| Feb 1 - 7   |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                     |                                                                            |
| 8           | 9:00am G.I.G. (Berean)<br>9:00am Sunday School (All ages)<br>10:30am Worship (Snctry)<br>2:30pm KFC (DR)<br>2:30pm UMC Orientation (GP)<br>6:00pm Dominoes (DR)                                 | 6:30pm Xn Chaos<br>6:45pm Mission Meeting (WR) | 3:00pm ECI (Wesley Rm)                                                                                        | 8:00am Pastor @ ECI Exec Study<br>10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study<br>1:30pm Bible Study (WR)<br>6:00pm G.I.G. (Rm 113)<br>6:00pm G.I.G. (Johnson's)<br>6:30pm HCI Hospitality<br>7:00pm Chancel Choir<br>7:30pm Leadership Council (WR) | 10:00am G.I.G. (Rm. 113)<br>10:00am Senior Park Program<br>12:00pm Pastor @ TMA                                                                                                    |                                                                     | Valentine's Day<br>9:00am PEO (GP)<br>11:00am Shared Blessings Meal (DR/K) |
| Feb 8 - 14  |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                     |                                                                            |
| 15          | 9:00am G.I.G. (Berean)<br>9:00am Sunday School (All ages)<br>10:30am Worship (Snctry)<br>4:45pm Haiti Missions Mtg (GP)<br>6:00pm Valentine Dinner                                              | 4:30pm Grief Group (RM 113)                    | 8:30am Pastor @ District Fat Tues Brkfst & Worship<br>5:30pm Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper (Dining Rm)           | Ash Wednesday<br>Newsletter Articles Due<br>10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study<br>6:00pm G.I.G. (Johnson's)<br>6:00pm G.I.G. (Rm 113)<br>7:15pm Ash Wed Service (GP)<br>8:00pm Abigail Circle (DR/K)                                       | 8:30am Pastor @ ECI<br>10:00am G.I.G. (Rm. 113)<br>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #5302 (Rm 111)<br>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 8719 (DR)<br>6:30pm Trustees (Wesley Room)<br>6:30pm Xn Chaos | 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle                                           |                                                                            |
| Feb 15 - 21 |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                     |                                                                            |
| 22          | 1st Sunday of Lent<br>One Great Hr of Sharing<br>Treasurer's Books Due<br>9:00am G.I.G. (Berean)<br>9:00am Sunday School (All ages)<br>10:30am Worship (Snctry)                                 | 6:30pm Xn Chaos                                | 9:00am Pastor @ Cluster<br>2:00pm Prairie Hills Program (Prairie Hills)<br>6:00pm Daisy Troop #4231 (Rm. 111) | Meeting of the Holy Folders<br>10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study<br>1:00pm Confirmation Early Out (DR)<br>1:30pm Bible Study (Wesley Rm)<br>6:00pm G.I.G. (Rm 113)<br>6:00pm G.I.G. (Johnson's)<br>7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)       | 10:00am Pastor @ HCI (Springville UMC)<br>10:00am G.I.G. (Rm. 113)<br>6:30pm Priscilla Circle (DR/K)                                                                               |                                                                     | 11:00am Shared Blessings Meal (DR/K)<br>4:00pm Private Party               |
| Feb 22 - 28 |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                     |                                                                            |
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