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United Methodist News

January 2015

“Thoughts of a ‘Wise’ Man”

(from Cloth for the Cradle by Wild Goose Worship, p. 127)

*We will look in the wrong place.
Yes, I admit that,
because wise men, potentates, intellectuals-
call us what you will-
are not infallible.*

*We expect a new power
to emerge from the side of the old one.
We expect the destination we seek
to resemble what our common sense deduces.*

*We will be upset, angry even,
to find that Herod is ignorant
and that his living space is not the birthplace.*

*We will find it hard
and intellectually demeaning
to bow the knee to the son of refugees.*

*And all this...
all this upset will be compounded
when it comes to journeying back
and we discover
we have to go home by another way.*

*That is the trouble with God.
He does not let you leave as you came.
He sends you back,
stripped of your presumptions,
making for home by another way.*

January Events

- Jan. 1 — Happy New Year!!
- Jan. 7 — Youth Group
- Jan. 10 — Shared Blessings
- Jan. 11 — All Church Potluck
- Jan. 18 — Kids for Christ
- Jan. 21 — Newsletter Articles Due
- Jan. 24 — Shared Blessings
- Jan. 28 — Meeting of the Holy Folders



*God’s silence is in no way
indicative of His activity or
involvement in our lives.
He may be silent but He is
not still.*

—Charles Stanley



SAVE!!! With your January newsletter is the list of 2015 LEADERSHIP with the 2015 GENERAL BUDGET on the back. SAVE that paper for reference throughout the year. You might also look at the Leadership list and note a number of vacancies. Is one of them there just waiting for you??

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



Paul's Ponderings

Sociologist Robert Bellah, author of *Habits of the Heart*, is impressed by the power of religion. He once said, *"We should not underestimate the significance of the small group of people who have a new vision of a just and gentle world. The quality of a culture may be changed when two percent of its people have a new vision [and act on it]."*

Yes, Growth & Impact Groups (GIGs) are one of the ways the church has, historically, helped people live deep and wide. In his journal, John Wesley wrote:

In the latter end of the year 1739, 8 or 10 persons came to me, who appeared to be deeply convinced of sin, and earnestly groaning for redemption... This was the rise of the United Society... Such a Society is no other than a company of [people] having the form and seeking the power of godliness, united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation.

These "Societies," or small groups, became the base camp for the growth and spread of deepening discipleship that came to be known as Methodism. These United Societies were then divided into classes of up to 12 people which were composed of even smaller groups called Bands. So, you see, we have not created GIGs, but happened on GIGs as a way to return to the vital spiritual roots of the Methodist tradition.

GIGs are not classes, in which a specified amount of information is dispensed and, when it has been, the class is "done." GIGs are a laboratory for making disciples! Learning and experiencing trust, growing in prayer, becoming formed in Christ are not so simple as to lend themselves to semesters or terms.

Through the week of May 11, all current GIGs are utilizing THE STORY as default basis for their growth. If you've made a resolution to pray more or become more intimate with your Bible, a GIG can help! Perhaps you'd like to begin a GIG. I've wondered if there would be interest in a "Daniel Plan GIG" for people who want or need to increase their fitness –spiritually and physically.

The Sunday GIG, meeting from 9 to 10:15 a.m., has room for more participants.

There's interest and desire to begin a Monday morning GIG. Let the church office know if you are interested.

For the NEW YEAR, it's a great time to consider participation in one of the adult Sunday School classes. Our longest-running class is Wired Word, meeting in the Wesley Room. The Friends class is across the hall in room 113.

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RESOLUTION idea: Consider renewed worship habits. Rather than thinking of worship as something we do when it's comfortable, convenient or familiar to us, what about focusing on the praise of God and just coming to worship?! In fact, the very idea of worship is based on sacrifice. Somehow much of American Christianity (or religiosity?) has come to expect worship to be self-serving instead of God-praising!

Do you really think it matters to God if the music is organ and 4-part choir; or guitars and drums??? Or that God cares if a small child is exploring the surroundings while voices are singing? No more than God cares what you wear! God is so big and so powerful that God can even communicate and get through to you if the sermon is bad and the people around you are talking!

I remember the first clown service I attended. After some brief introductory statements, the 'clown' said he would need no more words to lead the entire 90-minute service to follow. I thought, "Oh no. This will be disastrous!" [Making it worse yet was that I was chairperson of the Evangelism Committee, which had arranged the whole event!!] What a delightful surprise when each of us experienced an emotional, intimate time of worship as 90 minutes flew by. It's very nice that God is not bound by my expectations, preferences and prejudices.

Pastor Paul

Missions



Shared Blessings Meals

THANK YOU to all who helped with Shared Blessings in 2014. We appreciate your help and hope you experienced the blessing of serving others in our community. It's our

prayer that "community" happens both in the dining area **and** the kitchen!

January will begin the 6th year! It seems the history confirms the importance of offering the free meals and warm fellowship to fellow community members. The meals will continue to be served from 11:00 a.m. to Noon on the second, fourth, and fifth Saturdays each month. In 2014, we served 28 Saturdays for a total of nearly 1,600 meals served.

We have several community groups who've already signed up to prepare and serve Shared Blessings meals. (Only 3 dates still open until mid-May.) When community groups serve the meals, we need one person from our church to serve as a "coordinator" or "host" for the meal. The "coordinator" or "host" helps groups navigate the kitchen, answers questions and gives guidance for meal preparation and clean-up. If that task sounds overwhelming, ask a friend to do it with you. (Those who are experienced will also be happy to provide training.)

The sign-up sheets for the 2015 calendar are located in the Gathering Place. Please consider volunteering – it's a great way to meet new friends or invite a group of friends, committee/SS class/UMW Circle/GIG or another small group sign up for a meal or two.

Many volunteer opportunities are available. If you are interested in helping cook or with meal preparation, sign up for the early (9:00-11:00) shift. If you are interested in serving, clean-up, and interacting with those who come to Shared Blessings, sign up for the late (11:00-1:00) shift. We also need people to drive the bus, deliver meals to "homebound" folks, and provide "hospitality or friendship" by simply eating and talking with our guests. Sign up now in the Gathering Place or contact Carmen Hoffman (Volunteer Coordinator) at 563-357-3530 (cell) or kcbjrhoffman@mchsi.com. Renee Mente (886-3239; keegankoltonkenzie@msn.com) will continue to be available and help you plan your meal as needed. She does a great job coordinating the menus with the current inventory.

If you haven't been a part of our church's "Shared Blessings" ministry, the Missions Team invites you to be a part of the experience in 2015. Whether you volunteer or join us for a meal, you'll discover the blessings of reaching out and sharing a meal with friends, neighbors and strangers in our community.

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.

Rummage Sale

The Missions Team is planning the annual spring rummage sale. As you do your "winter and spring cleaning", please keep this in mind and set aside "gently used" items for the sale. Donations will be accepted a week to 10 days before the sale. More details will be available in the March and/or April newsletters.

Potlucks

Potluck...Covered Dish... Smorgasboard...Dish-to-Pass are all terms used to describe meals where attendees bring a dish to share with others. In the US, potlucks are often associated with casseroles or hot dishes, dessert bars and Jello salads. Sounds good, doesn't it?



Some might even say that you aren't "Methodist" unless you have potlucks. Well, the Missions team would like to bring back the Biblical tradition of having potlucks more frequently and spending more time in fellowship with one another. **The first all-church potluck is January 11 right after worship! The second is June 16!** Mark your calendars now!

Souper Bowl Sunday – February 1st!

The Caring Ministries Annual Souper Bowl Sunday will be held February 1st after worship. A freewill offering taken at the soup lunch supports Caring Ministry projects. In 2014, with your help, we sent out birthday, anniversary and sympathy cards, delivered 2-3 meals after most Shared Blessing meals, and encouraged visits to those who don't get out and about much anymore around Valentine's Day, Easter, July 4th, Halloween and Christmas. If YOU have an interest in getting involved in Caring Ministries, contact the church office.

Missions - Thank you

On behalf of the Missions Team, we **THANK YOU** for the generous giving of your time and monetary donations to Missions projects throughout the year. We couldn't do all that we do year after year without your support and priorities you place on being a "missional" church.

Projects have included a week-long work experience in our very own community of Tipton, Make A Difference Community Work Day, Fat Tuesday pancakes, Easter breakfast, Rummage and Recycle Sale, Shared Blessings Community Meals, Food Pantry, Angel Tree, Thanksgiving Ingathering, World Communion Soup Lunch, Festival of Talents, Share the Love, PortaPotty fundraiser, and Mission Produce Market.

Any funds raised from these projects and our special offerings (i.e. copper kettle, Easter Pool, Thanksgiving, Christmas) go to support a wide variety of Mission projects. A complete report of your 2014 mission giving will be available in January.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you want offering envelopes for 2015 please record your name when you pick up a box of envelopes, located on the table at the back of the sanctuary and outside the church office on the wooden bookcase. (If you give with a check there is no purpose on the church's behalf that you need to put it in an envelope.)



**Sunday, January 18th
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.



Please accept a belated thank you for recognizing us for our efforts on the Ingathering. Especially thank you for the monetary donation to the UMCOR-Sager-Brown. We visited and worked at UMCOR for one week for five years. It was most rewarding & we hope to get back to that again.

Wally & Judy Reidel



Membership News

Kingston Matthew Person was born December 16, 2014 to Camille & Travis Person. Grandparents include Cheryl & Steve Person.

THE CARROLL MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIPS

There are two different scholarships: 1) to someone who has demonstrated a commitment to working in the ministry, Christian education, mission training, etc.; and 2) to students attending an accredited college, technical school or area school. Applicants of all ages and levels beyond high school shall be considered but first year post high school will be given preference for scholarship #2. Applications are available at the church office, or www.iumpf.org; go to Other Scholarships; scroll down to Carroll Mitchell. If you have questions contact Pastor Paul. NOTE: Application deadline is March 15, 2015.

All TREASURERS: As we do every year, sometime in February an audit will be completed on every account related to the church. You'll receive notice prior to the audit date so keep your books until then. Thank you for doing what you can to have the 2014 records in order and ready. The position of Finance Chairperson is currently open, so questions may be directed to Pastor Paul. Audit helpers welcome! With a crew this is a one-night stand. Leave your name at the church office to offer your assistance.

**Newsletter articles are due
Wed., Jan. 21st.**

**Meeting of the Holy Folders is
Wed., Jan. 28th.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 – Deanna Licht
- 2 – Sharon Clark, Kennedy Jackson
- 4 – Murry Mente
- 5 – Kypton Brown, Dixie Martin, Cassie Wallick
- 6 – Bill Esbeck, Neil Gaunt, Billy Hoffman, Sandy Ohrt, Austin Wood
- 7 – Andrew Allen
- 8 – Ron Elijah, Nate Ohrt, Helen Timm
- 9 – Kate Shaull, Zach Steffen
- 10 – Joseph Battey, Nathan Fitch, Casey Gade, Helen Palmer, Cary & Pam Lieser
- 11 – Kiki Behne, Rae Leff
- 12 – Bonnie Bryden, Gwendolyn VanScoy
- 13 – Berrie Glick, Dick & Helen Palmer
- 14 – Sally Ahrens, Taylor Wendel
- 15 – Glenda Holets
- 16 – Jamie Ketelsen, Jan Linn
- 18 – Nifer Comstock, Vesta Kern, Bonnie Leslie, Michael Semotan Jr., Rylee Semotan, Emily Wulf
- 19 – Andrea Brown, Sylvia Gould, Tina Nau, Matt Schmidt, Alexandria Voss, Wyatt Voss, Larry & Kathy Houstman
- 20 – Samantha Eberle, Carson Glick, Corey Ormsby
- 21 – Elmer & Cuba Flory
- 22 – Carli Eichelberger, Chris Eicher, Roger Regennitter, Isaac Spangler, Lyle & Cynthia Fitch
- 23 – Jeff Leslie
- 25 – Brad & Bobbie Lieser
- 26 – Blake Huston, Erica Wehde, Mabel Lamp
- 27 – Daniel Charette, Wally Reidel, Danica Rippentrop, Ken & Sylvia Gould
- 28 – Wally & Judy Reidel
- 29 – Emilie Rouse
- 31 – Kamryn Chapman, Debbie Lieser, Mark Wiskus, Marc Weaver & Jerrelyn Weaver

Are You Needing DENTAL CARE?

Are you permanently disabled?
OR over the age of 65?
OR medically fragile?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you may be eligible to receive FREE dental care through Donated Dental Services (DDS)

To apply and learn about eligibility contact or visit www.DentalLifeline.org

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United Methodist Women

January Circle Meetings

Abigail — Wed., Jan. 21st at 8:00 p.m.

Mary Martha — Fri., Dec. 23rd at 1:30 p.m.

Priscilla — Thurs., Jan. 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Worship in January

Jan. 11 — The Story: “God’s Messengers”, Commissioning of Leaders

Scripture: I Kings 17:8-16; Luke 9:18-20

Music: Christian Chaos, Choir Kids

Jan. 18 — THE STORY: “The Beginning of the End” [of Israel – the Northern Kingdom]

Scripture: Isaiah 53:6-11; John 1:29-34

Music: Chancel Choir & keyboards

Jan. 25 — THE STORY: “The Kingdom’s Fall”

Scripture: Jeremiah 21:8-14; Matthew 23:37

Music: Choir Kids and Christian Chaos

WALK TO EMMAUS

A Free Gift for Yourself and Those You Care About

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

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

MINISTRY GOALS for 2015 continue to be the Prescriptions from the **Healthy Church Initiative Consultation** of spring 2014. Copies of the full four-page Consultation Report are available on the table at the back of the worship center and on the bulletin board in the breezeway. Here's the short-scoop on the prescriptions:

1. CLEAR, COMPELLING, SHARED MISSION AND VISION:

the MISSION of Tipton First UMC:

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

The VISION of Tipton First UMC:

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

2. DISCIPLESHIP:

1st UMC will continue the creation and implementation of the Discipleship Pathway for moving people from where they are on their spiritual journey to being fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. The discipleship pathway will be 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.

3. EVANGELISM AND RELATIONAL OUTREACH:

1st UMC-Tipton will sponsor two events toward “building bridges to the community.” These events will be P-free, outside the building and off-site to share the love of God with the community. One bridge event will be completed by Easter of 2015 and one by Sept. 1 of 2015.

4. RADICAL HOSPITALITY:

Following the directives of the Radical Hospitality Design Team, 1st UMC-Tipton will become a place where all who enter the doors are intentionally and enthusiastically welcomed. These efforts may include, but are not limited to, guest parking and seating, trained greeters at every entry point, a staffed welcome center, name tags, hosts who accompany guests to the fellowship time, guest follow-up, exterior and interior signage, etc.

5. CONNECTION:

The Connections Team will seek to involve every person of 1st UMC-Tipton in one meaningful servant ministry in the church and in the world community. This process will include gifts assessment and clarification and affirmation of individual passions.

6. EVALUATION:

The Leadership Council will conduct a Ministry Audit prior to the church conference, especially watching for congruence between the vision and ministries.

Obviously, successfully addressing these prescriptions will require some sort of action, and change of behavior, from every person of the church. There are no “spectator bleachers” in the church. Remember, we are all the actors; God is the spectator!



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.

Presence and Gifts from Nov.

Presence: Worship: 2 – 126, 9 – 113, 16 – 105,
23 – 138, 30 – 104

Sunday School: 2 – 82, 9 – 78, 16 – 82, 23 – 89,
30 – 77

Average attendance:

Worship: 117, Sunday School: 82

Gifts: General Fund • \$17,818.36, • Preschool Facility
Use \$100.00, • Upper Room \$8.12,

- Reimbursed Office Supplies \$30.00,
- Apportionments \$5,120.00, • The Story \$143.00,
- Shared Blessings \$122.01, • Missions \$100.00,
- Copper Kettle \$654.06, • Missions - Festival of
Talents \$44.50, • Christmas Offering \$30.00,
- Thanksgiving Offering \$965.00, • Ingathering \$1.00, •

Grand Total \$25,136.05

Prayers.

Hospitalized/Procedures: Rev. Gene Miller (pastor
here prior to 1978) @ UIHC

Healing: Joyce Abbot (Candi Duesenberry's mom),
Kathy Carson (J Reidel's sis), Joe Cheshareck
(G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Ston-
erook's sister), Melissa Davis, Jean Heil (Brian's
mom), Arlene Hein, Betty Hopkins (Deb Bothell's
mom), Rex Idlewine, Ken McKay, Lillian (Deb Bothell's
grt-grand-dau), Edna Miller (J Ohrt's sister), Marvin
Miller, Jim Shontz, Charlotte Wagaman (Bert's g'dau.),
Gary Taylor, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), and
others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Kingston Matthew Person, son of Camille & Travis,
was born Dec. 16 !! (There's a "life transition")
Velma Hubler who is currently at Crestview Care Cen-
ter in West Branch.

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions
Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" dis-
aster; 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: Wally Reidel, Carol Cartwright(Jack's
sis,) Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis), Oscar Wilson

Hospice/Palliative Care: Elmer Flory, Henry Wiskus

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

January Sunday Servants

Liturgists Coordinated by: Twyla Hein

- 11 - Kris Clark
- 18 - Rhonda Waugh
- 25 - Dusty Johnson

Power Point Coordinated by: Becky Young

- 4 - Brian Heil- Create and run
- 11 - Alec Heil-Create and run
- 18 - Melinda Stonebraker-Create and run
- 25 - Becky Young-Create, Kristen Charette-run

Acolytes Coordinated by: Kim Walters

- 4 - Volunteers
- 11 - Kayla & Mackenzie Walter
- 18 - Jack & Ava Boldt
- 25 - Kallie & Coryn Wallick

Video Camera Coordinated by: Mary McKinney

- 4 - 25—A willing volunteer, is it you?

Fellowship Coffee Coordinated by: Barb Rickard & Dixie
Martin

- 4 - Bob & Barb Rickard; Ron & Dixie Martin
- 11 - All Church Potluck
- 18 - Denise & Jack Cartwright; Dusty & Jen Johnson; Carmen
& Kent Hoffman
- 25 - Max & Judy Keller; Judy Ohrt; Wally & Judy Reidel

Ushers Coordinated by: Lorna Muller

- 4 - 25 Cheryl & Steve Person, Ken & Lorna Muller

Communion Steward Coordinated by: Donna Gault

Kim Cross & Twyla Hein

Greeters Coordinated by: Becky Young

- 4 - Wayne and Ann Neville
- 11 - Bob and Glenda Holets
- 18 - Josh and Alisha Hubler
- 25 - Randy and Tina Nau

Nursery Coordinated by: The Office

- 4 - Stonebraker Family
- 11 - Jen Johnson
- 18 - Bob Young
- 25 - Renee Mentel

Children's Lesson Coordinated by: The Office

- 4 - 25 A willing volunteer is it you



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NEW YEAR KICK-OFF for LEADERSHIP!!

January 11 **Commissioning of Leaders** at worship
all-church potluck beverages, table service provided
LEADER ORIENTATION from 12:40 to 2:00 p.m.

January 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m.: **Leadership Council**

January 25 **LOCAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP** Training Event from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the East Central District; Hosted by the Shueyville UMC
Carpool (bus full??) will leave Tipton at 1:20 p.m. & return at 5:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1:20 p.m. Carpool leaves 1st UMC-Tipton
- 2:00-2:30 PM Registration
- 2:30-3:00 PM Gathering & Keynote Presentation
- 3:10-4:00 PM Workshop 1
- 4:10-5:00 PM Workshop 2
- 5:30 p.m. Carpool returns to 1st UMC-Tipton



Viatico - Food for the Journey (A Discipleship Pathway)

Led by Rev. John Louk

We are not able to grow and flourish physically without the essentials of food and water while we are on this earth. Neither can we grow and flourish as disciples of Jesus without receiving the Bread of Life and enjoying the banquet of Christ. We will discuss Salem's **discipleship pathway** and feeding Christ's sheep!

Who's In the House?

Led by Rev. Dave Crow

Reclaim the charge conference for what it was meant to be: a time of celebration! Come and hear more about this uniquely United Methodist opportunity to celebrate and dance with God's Holy Spirit. No talent, training, or form required for that, only a heart willing to be warmed and set free.

You Mean It's Not About Us?—Focusing Outward

Led by Ms. Becki Kenton; Rev. Tom Boomershine

Eighty percent of all American churches are stagnant or declining. How do we reverse this trend? How do we shift our focus from inside our church walls to outside? This workshop will help you start the conversations necessary and give you some tools to get started.

So, I'm a Lay . . . What?

Led by Ms. Lynn Calvert and Ms. Colleen Petaros

Are you having a lay identity crisis? Let us help! Laity, One powerful name, Hundreds of opportunities.

Speaking of Dying: When Grief and Loss Impact the Church

Led by Rev. Rebecca Carver

Grief and loss are a part of every life. But when a death or disaster occurs, how the church responds is critical. This workshop will look at some basic strategies for bereavement care in the life of the church and also briefly, strategies during times of crisis.

Building Your Immune System: The Key to Congregational Health

Led by Rev. Dr. Jill Sanders

There are two ways to be healthy. One is to live in a sterile environment and the other is to have a healthy immune system. How does a local congregation build a healthy immune system? Learn how as we engage in Bible study, learn about healthy systems, review samples of behavioral covenants, and consider a process for ensuring congregational health for the sake of God's mission!

Milestone Ministry: What is it? Why do it?

Led by Rev. Chris Humrichouse

We teach kids that faith is a part of their everyday lives, and God is always with us. What better way to demonstrate this than by celebrating those milestone moments in a child's/family's life? Come experience some ways you can honor and celebrate such important events as the beginning of kindergarten in and with your church family.

Communicating Effectively with Your Members and the People In Your Mission Field

Led by Ms. Shelly Turner

Effective Communication—internal and external—is a struggle for every organization. This workshop will help you decide how to communicate God's good news in an ever-changing world while, at the same time, building your community of faith. Special attention will be paid to your church's website, social media and email.

Evangelism Workout Level 1: Strength and Conditioning

Led by Rev. Rebecca Fisher

Conditioning—Explore how to get into the best spiritual condition to begin or continue your evangelistic efforts. We will talk about our fears, our expectations, and our hopes and dreams related to evangelism. **Strengthening**—We will work out a rhythm for perseverance while doing the work.



January to June Sunday Servants 2015

PowerPoint

Thank so much for serving on the PowerPoint team. Below is the schedule for half of the next year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Office @ 563-886-2331 or office@tiptonumc.org., or Becky Young at 886-6843 or bbyoung49@gmail.com

- Jan. 4 Brian Heil- Create and run
- Jan. 11 Alec Heil-Create and run
- Jan. 18 Melinda Stonebraker-Create and run
- Jan. 25 Becky Young-Create, Kristen Charette-run
- Feb. 1 Brian Heil-Create and run
- Feb. 8 Carmen Hoffman-Create and run
- Feb. 15 Trina Hill-Create and run
- Feb. 22 Comstock family-Create and run
- Mar. 1 Brian Heil-Create and run
- Mar. 8 Alec Heil-Create and run
- Mar. 15 Becky Young-Create, Jesse Leiser-run
- Mar. 22 Renee Mente-Create and run
- Mar. 29 Comstock family-Create and run

- Apr. 5 Brian Heil-Create and run
- Apr. 12 Melinda Stonebraker-Create and run
- Apr. 19 Carmen Hoffman-Create and run
- Apr. 26 Trina Hill-Create and run
- May. 3 Brian Heil-Create and run
- May. 10 Becky Young-Create, Kelley Leiser-run
- May. 17 Alec Heil-Create and run
- May. 24 Carmen Hoffman-Create and run
- May. 31 Comstock family-Create and run
- June. 7 Brian Heil-Create and run
- June. 14 Melinda Stonebraker-Create and run
- June. 21 Maggie Borman-Create, Chris McKinney run
- June. 28 Comstock family-Create and run

Greeter

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- Jan. 4 Wayne and Ann Neville
- Jan. 11 Bob and Glenda Holets
- Jan. 1 Josh and Alisha Hubler
- Jan. 25 Randy and Tina Nau
- Feb. 1 Scott and Karen Anderson
- Feb. 8 Steve and Vicki Daniel
- Feb. 15 Rhonda Waugh and Pam Spear
- Feb. 22 Rick and Heidi Shumaker
- Mar. 1 Tom and Mary Ehresman
- Mar. 8 Allan Charette and Deb Conant
- Mar. 15 Ken and Deb McKay
- Mar. 22 Stephen and Cheryl Person
- Mar. 29 Ted, Deanna and Steven Licht
- Apr. 5 Easter breakfast-Bob and Becky Young

- Apr. 5 Bob and Barb Rickard
- Apr. 12 Wally and Judy Reidel
- Apr. 19 Larry and Berrie Glick
- Apr. 26 Max and Judy Keller
- May. 3 Rich and Karen Zobel
- May. 10 Ron and Lois Salmonson
- May. 17 Jason and Kim Walter family
- May. 24 Ruel and Jan Wehde
- May. 31 Matt and Alicia Harper family
- June. 7 Glenn and Ellen Fear
- June. 14 Murry and Renee Mente
- June. 21 Phil and Patti Seydel
- June. 28 Brad and Jeanette Kirkpatrick

Nursery

Thank so much for serving in the Nursery. Below is a tentative schedule for the next year. If your date is not convenient there are other spots available and you are more than welcome to trade. Please contact the Office @ 563-886-2331 or office@tiptonumc.org for assistance.

- 1/4/15 Stonebraker Family
- 1/11/15 Jen Johnson
- 1/18/15 Bob Young
- 1/25/15 Renee Mente
- 2/1/15 Cummins-VanScoy Family
- 2/8/15 Denise, Dawson,& Dylan Mente
- 2/15/15 Kim Walter
- 2/22/15 Cheryl Person
- 3/1/15 Chris & Kiley Schultz
- 3/8/15 Vicki Daniel
- 3/15/15 Mary Jo & Alec Heil
- 3/22/15 Ann Jurgensen
- 3/29/15 Kris Clark
- 4/5/15 7:00 AM

- 4/5/15 Denise Cartwright
- 4/12/15 Jen Nifer & Zoe Comstock
- 4/19/15 Roberta Gesling
- 4/26/15 Rhonda Waugh
- 5/3/15 Liz Simons & Maddie Peters
- 5/10/15 Webb Family
- 5/17/15 Karen Anderson
- 5/24/15 Mary & Chris McKinney
- 5/31/15 Alicia Harper
- 6/7/15 Deanna & Steven Licht
- 6/14/15 O'Leary Family
- 6/21/15 Denise Cartwright
- 6/28/15 Stonebraker Family



January to June Sunday Servants 2015

Fellowship Coffee 2015

Each family unit is asked to help prepare beverages and provide at least 4 dozen treats, unless instructed otherwise. Cookies may be homemade or store-bought. Suggestions are bar cookies, drop cookies, donut holes, crackers, etc. The Wellness Task Force is asking that you consider some type of "healthier goodies" that are lower in fat or sugar, such as cheese & crackers, fruit, or sugar-free cookies. We also have members of our congregation who have food allergies. Please consider bringing separate items that have had no contact with peanuts. It's preferable to put a sign by items with peanuts and/or nuts; and to identify "low-sugar" items.

	Fellowship Coffee Weekly Chair	2nd Family	3rd Family
1/4/15	Bob & Barb Rickard	Ron & Dixie Martin	
1/11/15	All Church Potluck		
1/18/15	Denise & Jack Cartwright	Dusty & Jen Johnson	Carmen & Kent Hoffman
1/25/15	Max & Judy Keller	Judy Ohrt	Wally & Judy Reidel
2/1/15	Caring Ministries Soup Luncheon		
2/8/15	Larry & Kathy Houstman	Rhonda Waugh	McKinney Family
2/15/15	Sylvia Ferguson	Rich & Karen Zobel	Roberta & J. Gesling
2/22/15	Karen Strefling	Judy & Rick Rouse	Gail Fleming
3/1/15	Jane Moen & Paul Frederiksen	Kim Cross & Twyla Hein	Steve & Chery Person
3/8/15	Ron & Lois Salmonson	Deb Eisele	Dawn Spickermann
3/15/15	Abigail Potato Buffet		
3/22/15	Scott & Karen Anderson	Pat Fankhauser	Linda Hannes
3/29/15	Denise & Jack Cartwright	Dusty & Jen Johnson	Carmen & Kent Hoffman
4/5/15	Mission's Easter Breakfast		
4/12/15	Bob & Barb Rickard	Larry & Berrie Glick	Bob & Becky Young
4/19/15	Judy Ohrt	Max & Judy Keller	Gail Fleming
4/26/15	Stonebraker Family	Deb Bothell & Melissa Levell	Ruel & Jan Wehde
5/3/15	Kim Cross & Twyla Hein	Rhonda Waugh	Nancy Burroughs
5/10/15	_____	Charette-Conant Family	Ron & Dixie Martin
5/17/15	High School Graduation		
5/24/15	Gordon & Jan Esbeck	Glenn & Ellen Fear	_____
5/31/15	Jo Ann Beers	Wallick Family	
6/7/15	McKinney Family		
6/14/15	Mission's Potluck		
6/21/15	_____	Donna Gault	
6/28/15	_____	_____	

January 2015

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February 2015

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