

Today's Sunday Servants:

Liturgist: Twyla Hein; Acolytes: Jacob Boedeker & Ian Spangler; Power Point: Becky Young-Create, Jesse Lieser-Run; Video: ; Nursery: _____; Ushers: Karen & Heather Strefling, Kim Cross & Twyla Hein; Fellowship Coffee: Abigail Potato Buffet; Greeters: Ken & Deb McKay; Children's Lesson: Deanna Licht.

March 22 Sunday Servants:

Liturgist: Liz Simmons, Acolytes: Kallie & Coryn Wallick ; Power Point: Renee Mente Create & Run; Nursery: Ann Jurgensen; Ushers: Karen & Heather Strefling, Kim Cross & Twyla Hein; Fellowship Coffee: Scott & Karen Anderson, Pat Fankhauser, Linda Hannes; Greeters: Steve & Cheryl Person; Children's Lesson: Roberta Gesling.

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Keith Wood @ St. Luke's

Healing: Wanda Berner, Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Jerry Ferguson, Jerry Gallagher, Berrie Glick, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Calvin Kuehl, Ted Licht, Erma Lyle, Jim Shontz, Ray Steinberg, Gary Taylor, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

The peace of Christ to the family of Candi Dusenberry, whose mother Joyce Abbot recently died.

Griffin Tauke & family; his teacher Carrie Glick and 2nd grade classmates as Griffin deals with terminal cancer

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: Wally Reidel, Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis), Melissa Bliss(wife of D. Cartwright's nephew),

Hospice/Palliative Care: Wayne Eisele (Mike's father, in W'loo), Elmer Flory, Mabel Lamp, Henry Wiskus,

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean Hannes, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby

Attendance: Worship - 123; Sunday School - 76. General Fund \$1,982, Shared Blessings \$2.00, Copper Kettle \$68.39

This Week:

Sun. 3/15: 4th Sunday of Lent,

10:30am Worship,

11:30 Abigail Potato Buffet

2:00 Confirmation Class cleans cattle barns

Wed. 3/18: NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE,

10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study,

Noon: Lay Servants meet

6:00pm G.I.G s(Johnson's), & (113),

7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary),

8:00pm Abigail Circle (DR/K)

Thurs 3/19

10 GIG (rm. 113)

6:30 Girl Scouts (Dining Room)

6:30 Chaos Practice

6:30 Trustees (Wesley Room)

Fri.3/20: 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle (DR)

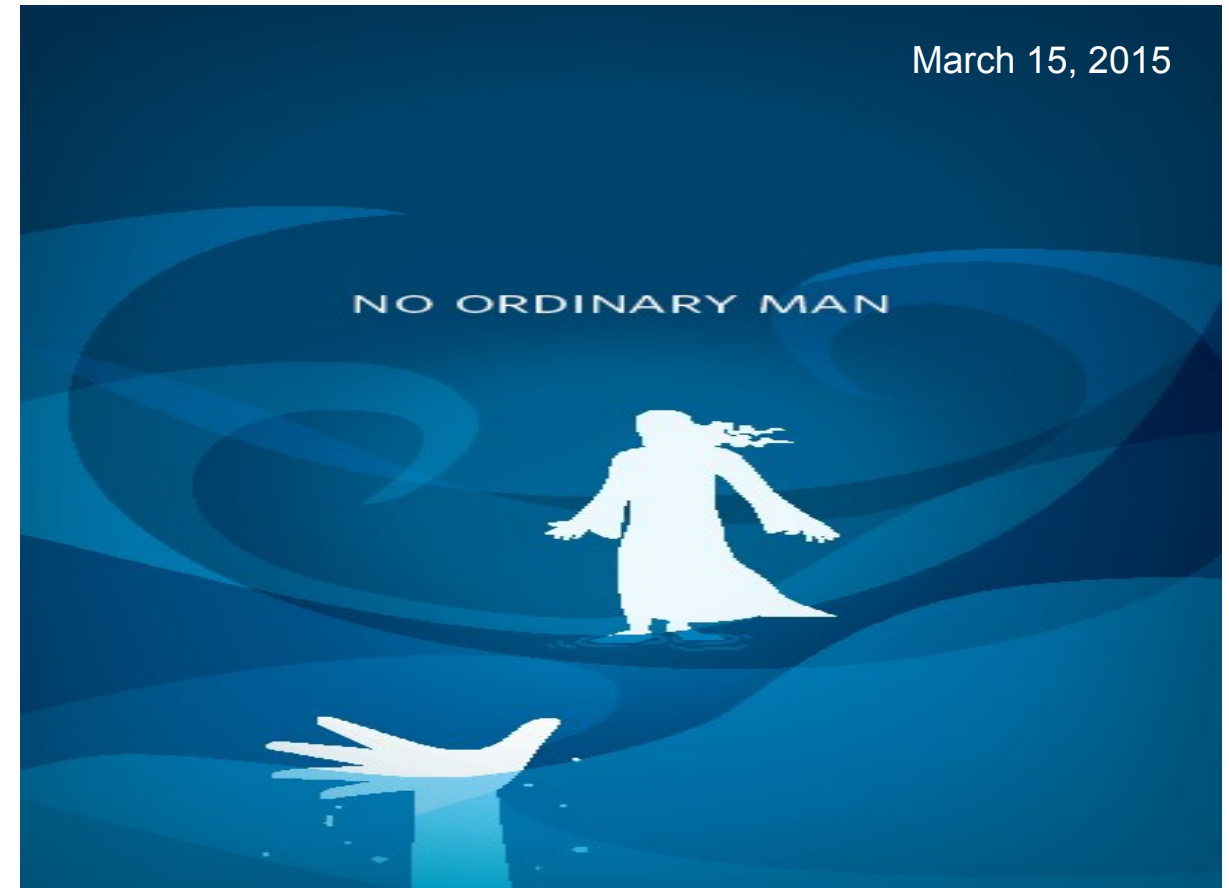
Sun. 3/22: 5th Sunday of Lent,

8:30am Choir Kids (Sanctuary),

9:00am Sunday School,

10:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

March 15, 2015

**Mission Statement:**

Tipton First United Methodist Church

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 am Service

607 Lynn St. - Tipton, IA 52772; 563-886-2331

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Paul E. Frederiksen - Pastor

Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Sylvia Gould - Accompanist

Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Don Griffith - Custodian

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Jamie Bahr - Xn Chaos Keyboard

March 15, 2015

Chapter 24 of THE STORY

10:30 a.m.

“No Ordinary Man”

We’re glad you’re here. If you’ve not been here before, relax. We aren’t going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself or anything like that. If you’re new to First, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... or just ask someone!

If children are with you, that’s wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children’s activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; and children’s bulletins on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you’d prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is go have an usher provide an escort.

In each program is a half-sheet insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service!

Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the dining room, in the lower level, at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

PRELUDE

Lighting of the Candles Ringing of the Bell

* PRAISE “Jesus Calls Us” No. 398

RESPONSIVE PRAYER Psalm 100:1-5 (sung response #2) Hymnal p. 821

JOYS AND CONCERNS... and the Power of Persistent Intercession!
Call to Prayer “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” No. 349
Prayers of the People
The Lord’s Prayer

CHILDREN’S LESSON Deanna Licht
(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

ACT OF PRAISE “In Jesus’ Name” Chancel Choir

* A JESUS STORY Mark 4:35-41
L: This is the Word of our Lord. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

* HYMN “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” No. 509

MESSAGE “Shore or Sea? Where Shall We Live?”

GIVING TITHES and OFFERINGS
THE OFFERTORY “You Are My All In All” Chancel Choir
(The ushers will bring the offering forward during the prayer.)

* A PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)
Holy God, Creator and Redeemer, we are commanded to put no other gods before you. Our lives demonstrate that we have done the opposite. We worship “gods” of power, wealth, beauty, popularity and self-gratification, to name a few. As we now give to you, change our fickle hearts. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

* SENDING FORTH
L: It is the “Lower Story.”
P: We are hungry, we hold grudges, and we stumble into temptation.
L: We cry out and God meets us, bringing Good News of the Upper Story!
P: Yes! Time and again! Thank you, God!!

* MARCHING SONG “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” No. 344

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We’ll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week
Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.

POSTLUDE

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Preparation for next week:

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asked his disciples. He asks us, too. And even more than that, Jesus expects an answer; and we must give one.
The founder of the Methodist movement in England in the mid-to-late 1700’s, John Wesley, discovered mid-life that he didn’t have an answer to Jesus’ question. He knew what it was *supposed* to be but he didn’t have an experience of Jesus as Son of God. He knew all *about* Jesus, but he didn’t *know* Jesus. That all changed in the midst of his darkest period of life.

He had gone from England to the British “penal colony” of Georgia to save the infidels. Saying it as positively as possible? He flopped! Totally failed; in fact, had to flee back to England. In desperation he was reaching out for meaning. So where did he go? His Journals tell us he went to BIBLE STUDY! In his own words:

*In the evening, I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s Preface to the Epistle to the romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away **my** sins, even **mine**, and saved **me** from the law of sin and death.” (emphasis in the original)*

As I’ve considered Chapter 25 of THE STORY, it seems that might be the challenge for each of us, to know not only **of** Jesus, the person of whom we sing “What A Friend We Have,” but also to **know** Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, who loves me; even me!!
Don’t just read Chapter 25; pray it!!