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United Methodist News

September 2015

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 a.m. first practice of the [school] year for Choir Kids

8:45 a.m. Leadership Council begins serving continental breakfast in the Dining room

9:10 a.m. Brief program covering all sorts of topics everyone will need to know

By 9:30 a.m. it is intended that all classes are heading to their own room, where parents & students can meet and have conversations with teachers.

By about 10:10 a.m. class will conclude for most levels.

September Events

Sept. 2 — Safe Sanctuary Training
Youth Group

Sept. 7 — Labor Day

Sept. 12 — Shared Blessings

Sept. 13 — Choir Kids Begins 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
College Connections Lunch
Kids For Christ
Dominoes

Sept. 16 — Acolyte Training

Sept. 20 — Confirmation Sunday
2nd Grade Gets Their Bibles

Sept. 23 — Newsletter Articles Due

Sept. 26 — Shared Blessings

Sept. 30 — Meeting of the Holy Folders
Youth Group

CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY GIVE BOOKS. GIVE TIME.

One million books and a million hours of reading with children – that's the goal of Iowa United Methodists in the next two years in a new initiative called, "Change a Child's Story".

The academic and economic futures of almost 90,000 young Iowans are at risk.

In 2012, roughly 1 in 4 Iowa fourth-graders scored below a proficient level on the state reading test. Research indicates that a quarter of kids who are behind in reading by the 4th grade will eventually drop out of school, making them more likely to experience other hardships, including jail time.

55% of Iowa children under age six whose low-income parents don't have a high school diploma.

86% of children with parents who didn't graduate from high school live in low-income families.

61% of children in poverty don't have children's books at home.

Sadly, Iowa's kids are not all developing the reading skills they need for success.

Bishop Trimble is challenging every UMC church in Iowa to get involved in *Change a Child's Story* and wanting our church to make a difference in children's lives right here in Cedar County. Currently, our church is in the process of identifying individuals who are excited about this initiative and interested in planning how our church might be involved. **Interested? Contact Pastor Paul or the church office by September 5.**



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



MISSION of 1st UMC-Tipton:

***Making disciples for Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.***

VISION STATEMENT of 1st UMC – Tipton:

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

Melinda Stonebraker thought of the Vision Statement when she read the following devotional for July 6:

Unselfish Roots

(Upper Room devotional; Mon, July 6th, 2015)

Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.

— Hebrews 10:24 (NRSV)

One June day, my husband and I decided to visit a nearby historic home. The beautiful house lay nestled behind a long driveway lined with live oak trees. My husband and I sat in rocking chairs on the house's veranda and listened to the tour guide share the history of the estate. She then began to talk about the uniqueness of the live oak tree. "When live oak trees are planted together in a row," she said, "their roots not only intertwine but fuse together. This interdependent root system allows the live oaks to share water and nutrients and to form a stronger hold in the ground." She told us that when a hurricane had swept through that area, their live oaks sustained little damage because they were held strongly together in the earth.

What would happen if Christians held as tightly together through the hurricanes of this life as those live oak trees did? What if we poured the strength, wisdom, and love that God has rained down on us into the lives of those experiencing hardship? What if we received that same strength, wisdom, and love from others when we ourselves are going through trials? God did not design us to live unto ourselves but created us to be a family, firmly bound together by our roots in our Creator.

We do seek to be providing value to people through worship, small groups, challenges, and mission. But the fact is, we can't take the first step for someone. You need to do that. As this school year begins, many opportunities for growth also begin anew. It's a great time for groups to welcome new participants; and it's a great time for someone only marginally involved [or not at all!] to consider dipping a foot to check the possibilities. There's more information in this newsletter about some of the opportunities; or contact the church via website, phone or stop in!

Grace to you and peace!!

Pastor Paul

***As of August 16 Little Friends
is 'bought and paid for!'
THANK YOU for making this
community witness possible!***

**Don't Forget! Starting September 13th,
worship service goes back to 10:30 a.m.
Better yet! Come at 9:00 a.m. for Sunday School!
Everyone is encouraged to join a class!**

Member News

Thanks to ALL those that helped with the funeral luncheon. Those who worked in the kitchen and dining room and who brought all the delicious food. So many to thank. God Bless.

Max Keller family

Stella Gardner will be noting her 95th birthday on September 5th. Cards may be sent to her at Cedar Manor, 1200 Mulberry St., Tipton, IA 52772. Her daughters are Diane (Larry) LeBlanc of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Cathy (Philip) Ott of Cañon City, Colorado. You are invited to visit with her and family on Sunday, September 6, from 2:30-3:30 at Cedar Manor.

We would like to give her friends the opportunity to note this occasion with her. *Cathy Ott*

NEW ADDRESS:

Rick and Judy Rouse: 200 Parkview Drive, Tipton.

Wally & Judy Reidel: 4 3rd St. N.W. Apt. 336;
Mason City IA 50401

BAPTISM: We have baptisms scheduled for October 18. Let Pastor or the church office know if you'd like to be included!!

MEMBERSHIP: We will be receiving new members soon so if you'd like to take this step of commitment and conviction contact the pastor.

To-Do List

[This list was first circulated August 14th so don't feel badly if some of the items have already been completed.]

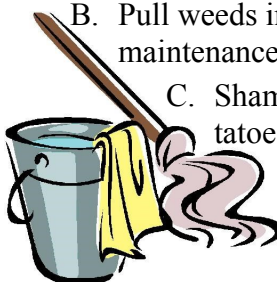
Chores... to complete prior to Preschool and Sunday School:

A. Clean refrigerators in room 111 and the Gathering Place

B. Pull weeds in the playground; do a safety & maintenance check on equipment

C. Shampoo the breezeway (or plant potatoes??) and the Nursery carpets

D. Put up an inviting SS Bulletin Board



COLLEGE CONNECTIONS LUNCH SEPTEMBER 13

The College Connections team will be hosting a simple meal on Sunday, September 13 to kick off the school year AND raise funds for college care packages. The menu will be hot dogs, 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 insert in the Sunday bulletins for a list of donations needed for care packages.

Save the date and wear your favorite school colors to worship!

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. If you'd like your son or daughter to receive a care package, please make sure we have their current address. Thank-you!

Choir Kids will begin a new year on Sunday, Sept. 13th. All children who like to sing, grades K – 6th, are invited to join. We rehearse at 8:30 am, before Sunday School, and sing for worship on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Yes, we will sing for worship on Sept. 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Cartwright (319-430-6172). See you the 13th!



Paul's Ponderings

month of September, November, December and the 2016 calendar year. Perhaps your GIG, coworkers, gym buddies, card club, your family could help out on a Saturday morning. This is a great way to help others, please consider signing up for a Saturday morning. Contact the church office or Carmen Hoffman at carmen.hoffman@tipton.k12.ia.us or 563.357.3530.

Mission Market

Zucchini, apples 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.



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 at the back of the sanctuary or the church office. **The Dedication of Ingathering kits will be held on Sunday, November 1st so all kits must be turned in by that date. Our goal is to collect 120 kits this year. The Ingathering will be held on Saturday, November 7.**

HELP NEEDED: Looking for groups or individuals to help with Shared Blessings in the

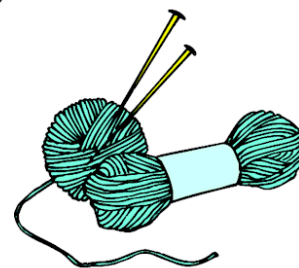
GET A BUDDY, BUILD A KIT

The Missions team challenges YOU to Get a Buddy and Build A Kit. This challenge is intended to increase the number of individuals/families involved in putting together Ingathering Kits this fall. All you have to do is **sign up** with a buddy to build a kit **in the Gathering Place** and watch the thermometer to help us reach our goal of 120 kits. For a complete list of kits, pick up a copy of the Thanksgiving Ingathering brochure at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. **A dedication of kits will occur on Sunday, November 1st so all kits must be turned in by that date.** The Ingathering will be held in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, November 7.



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 Gathering Place and pick up one of the few shawls there OR stop by the church office for a larger selection. 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.



**Notes from your
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

We have begun working on the nominated and elected leadership positions for 2016. We have vacancies and invite your consideration and response if you have interest in any of the following:

Leadership Development (“nominating”)
Staff-Parish Relations
Trustees
Chairperson of Finance
Youth Member(s) of Leadership Council

It’s interesting that one of the classifications with much turn-over are those which coordinate participation. Over and over again, Coordinators, whether it be Worship Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Fellowship Coffee, etc., relate that people, **members of the church**, seem so surprised when they are scheduled for a task and expected to perform that task. In other words, coordinators frequently have expressed getting tired of the whining.

For this I must apologize. As your pastor, I have failed to be clear:

There are expectations of those who profess to be christian,

who follow Jesus,

and who become a part (member) of Jesus’s team, aka the Church!

If a person is going to grow as a christian and as a person, eventually you take responsibility. Can you imagine someone being part of a high school volleyball team or football team and when the coach says, “You’re in!” that they would say, “but coach, I just came to sit on the bench. I don’t want to play.” Yet we have many people associated with this church who must have that same attitude. Being a Christian is not a spectator activity; and the church of Jesus Christ cannot carry the mission with out the participation of the people who have the ability to serve.

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

“CIRCLE OF FRIENDS”

A COMMUNITY GRIEF GROUP

Six Wednesdays, October 14 – November 18, 2015

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.

Now I’ve read a couple articles suggesting that a helpful element for the treatment of PTSD might be intentional grief-work. We do a good job of ingraining the idea that we’re tough and it doesn’t matter what happens to us or to those around us, but trauma and even death have a way of carving their own gorge. That may be experienced in what behavioral treatment people call Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Jesus was authentic. The Bible reports a time he was sad and, “Jesus wept.” But it’s hard to always be a person who identifies and appropriately expresses emotions. 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 (641-660-4467) 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.

“CIRCLE OF FRIENDS”

Alumni Reunion of the Grief Group

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at noon

Gather at T-Beck’s at the Bowling Alley

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



HELP! HELP! HELP!

Our Chancel Choir needs your voices. We have lost some people due to moving away and moving to Cedar Manor. We really need to increase our numbers to keep our music ministry at a quality level. Choir practice begins Sept. 9th at 7:00 p.m., and the choir first sings for worship on Sept. 20th. Please join us for an uplifting and enjoyable experience. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing you then.

This year the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service is at our church on Sunday, Nov. 22nd. We are planning for and Ecumenical choir. What a great time to join!

Friends Adult Class

The “Friends” adult Sunday school class will start the year September 13th with Mike Slaughter’s 6-session DVD study, Renegade Gospel. Here’s a brief description:

Jesus didn’t come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution and invites us to be part of it. In this study Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us. Slaughter invites us to read the red letters in the Bible and discover Jesus all over again. This six-session study Slaughter brings his edgy, powerful style to bear on this important topic.

Look interesting? Please join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, Room 113, Education Wing. If you’re not already a part of a group, this is a great time to get started!



NEW ACOLYTE TRAINING

Children grades 2-6 are welcome to be acolytes for Sunday worship. Kim Walter {Thank you!!!!} will again be coordinating participation. (See the schedule elsewhere in this

newsletter.) We require a training session to be completed and are offering the training Wednesday, September 16 from right after school to 5:00 p.m. I will go to the elementary and then Middle School at the end of the school day. We will return to church (walking if it’s nice; use the church bus if it’s raining) where we will have a snack, Bible Study, and then practice. We’ll conclude at 5:00 p.m. This training is intended for 2nd graders and any other 3 – 6th graders who want to acolyte but have not yet received the training. After the training you’ll be put on the schedule to acolyte Sunday mornings. If you have questions contact Pastor Paul.

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 Christiansen
- 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, Karis Horstmann, Stuart & Sharon Clark
- 9 – Isabelle Errthum, 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, Deborah Lowry, 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 & Diane Eaton
- 20 – Doug Boldt, Craig Jackson, Carol Maxwell, Wally & Barb Cawiezell, 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 – Donna Miles, Garrett Nau, Addison Rausch, Shelley Stuhr, Jack & Denise Cartwright, Charles & Becky Donohoe
- 27 – Joel Miller, Adrianna Paul, Kevin & Janet Anderson, Michael & Jennifer Rausch
- 28 – Camille Person, Charles & Jan Linn
- 29 – Randy Bormann, Michael Puffer, Carolyn Wood
- 30 – Alice Ann Gallagher, Haley Miller, Vivian Shontz



United Methodist Women

September Circle Meetings

Abigail — Wed., Sept. 16th at 8:00 p.m.
Hostess: JoAnn Beers

Mary Martha — Fri., Sept. 18th at 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Lois Salmonson

Priscilla — Thurs., Sept. 24th at 7:00 p.m.
Hostess: Roberta Gesling

LITTLE FRIENDS

One of the original purposes of the **Education Wing** 51 years ago was to reach into the community with a pre-school. This will be the 50th year for hosting 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!! We now own Little Friends. That means... We have more opportunity to provide assistance, support and nurture to the students and families. One way we can begin is by helping host their "Meet & Greet" Thursday evening, September 3. Parents will be bringing in stacks of forms to be received and will be signing up for parent-tasks. We'll need registration assistance and, also, we will provide light refreshments for the children and their parents. Contact the office if you hear your name in this 'call.'

CHRISTIAN FORMATION is the purpose of the church. As I write this, the evening prior to the newsletter deadline, we have four solid teachers for the Pre-school-through high school Sunday morning classes. Additionally, we have three persons who have said they could assist or substitute.

YOU CAN teach a children's SS class!! We have been successful in the past having sufficient numbers of teachers that if someone wanted to teach alternate Sundays or months that we could do that. To allow for that we need additional participation. And if it's not you, then WHO?

If you're interested in teaching/helping/subbing in Pre-School through 6th grade contact Gail Fleming. For teaching Middle school through High school ("youth") contact Pastor Paul. (See article concerning Youth SS plans! You can create an elective for a 4-week run, and then go back to your own class!)

YOUTH : WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We would like to meet once per month as a Youth Group of grades 5-12, the first Wednesday of every month (with the exception of September – meet 1st and last Wed's to make up for missed meeting Homecoming week). The dates we are planning are: 9/2, 9/30, 11/4, 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4.

We would begin at 5:30 p.m. with a meal until 6:15 p.m. This would allow kids to go straight from after school practice to Youth Group. The schedule each month would be as follows:

5:30 – 6:15 p.m. = Meal

6:15 – 6:30 p.m. = Message

6:30 – 8 p.m. = Fun Activity (tied to the message)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We would like to explore a wild and crazy format for youth Sunday morning. We're calling it "Sunday Elective." Here's how it will work... We'll create a list or catalogue (think school or college course catalogue) of possible courses to be offered for a specified number of weeks, let's say four. The youth, grades 7– 12, sign up for the class they wish to take. At the end of that session, we might take a week to re-group but they can begin the next session of 4 or 5 or 6 weeks after that. They will never know for sure who else will be in their class; and this will allow for a wide variety of teachers, too.

Electives might be as wide-ranging as creating a sermon-length drama; preparing a couple songs as a chime choir; studying a particular book of the Bible or a theme; it could be kind of academic like church history; or watch a movie and consider the message/s conveyed. We could have guest teachers come in from the community, and Iowa Religious Media has a crazy amount of video-based curriculum and now offers streaming videos, too.

This concept is new; we don't know of any other church doing this model of Sunday morning programming. So it's a work in progress. If you want to be on the front-end of an exciting ministry, talk to Pastor Paul.



SAFE SANCTUARY

NOTE from Pastor Paul: *I am pleased that when the call went out for an administrator-type person to take on the duties of administering the Safe Sanctuary policy, Jen Johnson said she'd do it. We've been a bit remiss and shallow on following some of the safeties of it, but I believe Jen can lead us to higher water...*

Jen Johnson will be holding a **Safe Sanctuary training session** on Wed. Sept. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the church. The training will be less than an hour and if you need child care, please let the Church Office or Jen know. (Specific room to be determined). "Do I need to be trained??" you may be asking yourself. The answer is YES if you plan on working with the youth at our church...in Sunday School, Youth Groups, the Nursery, Choir Kids... the list is endless. If you have any questions please contact Jen at 319-621-4478 or jen.johnson@tipton.k12.ia.us. (YOUTH working with younger children are also required to participate in this training class. We realize there is a conflict so we'll be scheduling another class just for youth.)

School for Lay Ministry

Classes Begin this Fall at Three Campuses

Are you ready to follow in Jesus' footsteps by serving? Then the School for Lay Ministry is right for you. The program provides supplemental leadership training to facilitate ministry in Iowa United Methodist Churches. We can be the best servants when we are trained, informed and well prepared.

Classes are held at Simpson, Morningside and Cornell colleges. [The application, class schedule and detailed information can be found here](#). For more info, email Barb Mann or call 515-974-8905.

The school offers 12 weekends over a three year period covering 12 carefully selected ministry areas and are held on Saturday and Sunday at a cost is \$140 per weekend. Classes are scheduled to begin this fall at all three campuses.

Prayers

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Dean Hoffman (Kent's father) @ Texas
Judy Stonebraker @ Mercy-IC (Ryan's mom)

Healing: Alvin Baird (L Muller's bro), Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Jerry Ferguson, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Larry Houstman, Linda Huff (M. Stonebrakers mom), Rex Idlewine, Ron Martin, Mark McKay (Ken's bro), Christopher McKinney, Don Meyerthaler (J. Esbeck's bro), Warren Nielson (L & K Houstman's bro-in-law), Ray Penningroth (M. Stonerook's bro); Roger Regennitter, Lois Salmonson, Jim Shontz, Ray Steinberg, Gary Taylor, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), Joel Wehde, Keith Wood, and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Ryan Stonebraker's parents, Ron and Judy, are faced with health issues and may be moving. In 'exodus'

language, they are approaching the Red Sea and will soon step forward.

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: Judy Keller, Chris Keller, Gary Kline, Katie Ryan,

Hospice/Palliative Care: Elmer Flory, Mabel Lamp, Richard Wallick (Jeff's father), Henry Wiskus,

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



Joy is what happens when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are.

—Marianne Williamson, author

September Sunday Servants

Liturgists Twyla Hein - Coordinator

13 – Dusty Johnson
20 – Kim Walter
27 – Diane Wallick

Power Point Becky Young - Coordinator

6 – Brian Heil (both)
13 – Trina Hill (both)
20 – Carmen Hoffman (both)
27 – Comstock Family (both)

Fellowship Coffee Barb Rickard & Dixie Martin - Coordinators

6 – Becky Young & Sherry Willey
13 – College Connections Luncheon
20 – Confirmation Sunday Reception
27 – J & Roberta Gesling, Dave & Becky Fetterman, Scott & Karen Anderson

Greeters Becky Young - Coordinator

6 – Ron & Dixie Martin
13 – Marv & Kay Miller
20 – Kent & Carmen Hoffman
27 – Garry & Michelle O'Leary

Communion Stewards Donna Gault - Coordinator

6 – Rhonda Waugh

Nursery Office - Coordinator

6 – Mary & Chris McKinney
13 – Deanna Licht
20 – Ann Jurgensen
27 – Kris Clark

Children's Lesson Office - Coordinator

6 – Pastor Paul
13 – Volunteer Needed
20 – Kris Clark
27 – Deanna Licht

Ushers Lorna Muller - Coordinator

Larry Glick, Richard Zobel, Kay & Marvin Miller

Flowers Becky Young - Coordinator

6 – Becky Young
13 – Dick & Helen Palmer
20 – Heil Family
27 – Jane Moen & Paul Frederiksen

Acolytes Kim Walter - Coordinator

6 – Volunteers needed
13 – Ian Spangler & Jacob Boedeker
20 – Davis Webb & Margaret O'Leary
27 – Kayla & Mackenzie Walter

Presence & Gifts from July

Presence: Worship: 5–63, 12–77, 19–93, 26–79

Average Attendance: 78

General Fund \$10,082.00, Upper Room \$26.00, Apportionments \$20.00, Shared Blessings \$10.00, Confirmation Retreat \$5.00, LFP Purchase \$100.00, UMC T-Shirts \$113.50, Copper Kettle \$174.20, Mission Work Trip \$140.00, Ingathering \$2.00, **Grand Total** \$10,672.70.

Manage your giving online

We are excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at <http://www.tiptonumc.org/>,
2. Click on the Give Now button,
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions or enter a one-time gift.



**Newsletter articles are due
Wed., Sept. 23rd.**

**Meeting of the Holy Folders is
Wed., Sept. 30th.**



This Fall we are encouraging every one to study A Disciple's Path by James Harnish. This is a wonderfully foundational course of Christianity, and includes the particularly Methodist emphases and traditions. GIGs and specially-formed short-term classes may format the study as it works for you.

Starting September 13th into October Sunday worship services and sermons will be closely related to the topics or themes of A Disciple's Path.

What should you do to get ready?

- ⇒ Spend some time thinking and praying about where you are in your relationship with Jesus and where you would like to be.
- ⇒ Become part of an on-going GIG.
- ⇒ Form your own GIG. (The church office will help you publicize!)
- ⇒ Complete the Registration (by 8:00 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14th!)
- ⇒ Don't let finances rule the day. We'll have resources available for everyone who wishes to be part of this life-transforming study.
- ⇒ A Leader's orientation to materials and small-groups will be offered once groups and leaders are identified.

For more information, and to get in a GIG, contact the church office or Melinda Stonebraker.

Very soon we will publish and distribute the discipleship pathway self-assessment and accompanying materials for spiritual growth.

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**Call it a clan, call it a network,
call it a tribe, call it a family. (or GIG!)**
**Whatever you call it, whoever you are,
you need one.**

A DISCIPLE'S PATH

Registration

Name _____

- _____ I am in a GIG already:
 - _____ Wednesday evening
 - _____ Thursday morning
 - _____ Sunday morning
- _____ I am interested in a Men-only group to meet seven times for A Disciple's Path.
- _____ NEW! Monday GIG 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
- _____ NEW! Tuesday afternoon GIG (time TBD by participants)
- _____ I will help form a new GIG
- _____ Workbook (\$9. suggested donation)
- _____ Daily Reader (\$7. suggested donation)

Worship in September

Sabbath Worship & Celebrations

Sept. 6 — [last one @ 9:30 a.m.] Communion

Theme: Jesus: Teacher and Student

Scripture: Mark 7:24-37

Music: Keyboards, Chancel Choir

Sept. 13 — worship: **10:30**, inc. Commissioning of Christian Formation leaders
Gathering for Students of all ages is 9:00 a.m. in the Dining Room;
Breakfast starts at 8:45 a.m.

Theme: What's a Path Good For??

Music: Christian Chaos, Choir Kids

Sept. 20 — Confirmation, 2nd graders receive Bibles

Theme: What's a Disciple?

Scripture: John 13:35

Music: Chancel Choir, Keyboards

Sept. 27 —

Theme: God's Role: Grace

Scripture: Colossians 2: 6, 7

Music: Choir Kids, Christian Chaos

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2015						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	October		

Every Sunday

8:30 a.m. Choir Kids Practice
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
Starting Sept. 13th

Every Monday

6:30 p.m. G.I.G.

Every Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Bible Study - WR
6:00 p.m. G.I.G. - 113
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Every Thursday

10:00 a.m. G.I.G. - 113

Tuesday, September 1

10:00 am Leadership
Dev.: WR (Wesley Room)

Wednesday, September 2

5:30 pm Youth Group Location: DR/K
6:30 pm Safe Sanctuary Basic Class Location: WR
7:00 pm UMW Exec Mtg: Rm 113

Thursday, September 3

6:00 pm Meet & Greet Little Friends Preschool : Worship Center, Gathering Place and Ed. wing

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am Worship

Monday, September 7

Labor Day-Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

LITTLE FRIENDS PRESCHOOL BEGINS
4:00 pm Communion @ P.Hills

Wednesday, September 9

1:30 pm Bible Study
7:00 Chancel Choir
7:30 pm Leadership Council
Location: WR

Thursday, September 10

9:30 am Communion @ Cedar Manor
10:00 am Senior Park Program
12:00 pm Pastor @ TMA
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Practice

Saturday, September 12

Trustees Work Day
11:00 Shared Blessings: DR/K

Sunday, September 13

First Day Of Sunday School
8:30 am Choir Kids
9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am College Connections Luncheon
2:30 pm KFC Location: DR
6:00 pm Dominoes Location: DR

Monday, September 14

All Day: Pastor @ District Mtg
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Practice
6:45 pm Mission's Committee Meeting Location: Wesley Rm

Tuesday, September 15

6:00 pm PEO Location: DR/K

Wednesday, September 16

3:00 pm Acolyte Training
7:00 Chancel Choir
8:00 pm Abigail Circle: DR/K

Thursday, September 17

6:30 pm Trustees Location: WR

Friday, September 18

1:30 pm Mary Martha

Sunday, September 20

Confirmation Sunday
2nd graders get their Bible
11:30 am Confirmation Recept

Monday, September 21

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 22

2:00 pm Pastor @ P Hills

Wednesday, September 23

Newsletter Articles Due
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 24

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Practice
7:00 pm Priscilla Circle : DR/K

Saturday, September 26

11:00 am Shared Blessings
Meal Location: DR/K

Sunday, September 27

Monday, September 28

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Practice

Tuesday, September 29

12:00 pm Grief Group Reunion @ TBecks

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 am Meeting of the Holy Folders
5:30 pm Youth Group: DR/K

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