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## United Methodist News

January 2016

### NEW YEAR KICK-OFF for LEADERSHIP!!

January 10

**Commissioning of Leaders** at worship

**all-church potluck** beverages, table service provided

**LEADER ORIENTATION** from 12:40 to 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Leadership Development Team hosts this potluck, which means they will get the beverages made and put out the plates and such. However, they and all "leaders" are expected to participate in the Leader Orientation, for which we will adjourn to the Gathering Place. If that does not include you, it's an opportunity to join others in the kitchen for fellowship as dishes are done and clean-up accomplished.

January 31 from 2 to 4:30 pm the East Central District is hosting their Leadership Event at the Mt. Vernon UMC.

### January Events

Jan. 6 — Youth Group

Jan. 9 — Shared Blessings

Jan. 10 — M & M Fair

Church Potluck

Leadership Orientation

KFC

Dominoes

Jan. 20 — Newsletter Articles Due

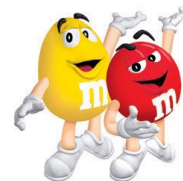
Jan. 23 — Shared Blessings

Jan. 27 — Meeting of the Holy Folders

Jan. 30 — Shared Blessings

### M & M FAIR

Want to know more? See article on page 8 of this newsletter.



### YOU can serve Jesus by being an USHER!!

Ushers are a big part of hospitality at worship. Each month in 2016 we will have an usher coordinator. (At the time of this writing we need only seven (7) more. Hurry!) All your friends and even some new acquaintances will want the privilege of being appointed by you. If you're like Mark Twain, you might never even get to paint usher yourself! Contact Melinda Stonebraker ([melstonebraker@gmail.com](mailto:melstonebraker@gmail.com)) or the church office ([office@tiptonumc.org](mailto:office@tiptonumc.org)) to coordinate. Then have fun with or watching as your 'troops' offer service to Jesus!! Hurry, only Mar, Apr, May, Jul, Aug, Sept, and Dec are still available!



*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

# Paul's Ponderings

## GROWTH & IMPACT GROUPS

*"I ask you not to become discouraged by what I'm suffering for you, which is your glory. <sup>14</sup> This is why I kneel before the Father. <sup>15</sup> Every ethnic group in heaven or on earth is recognized by him. <sup>16</sup> I ask that he will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of his glory through the Spirit. <sup>17</sup> I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, <sup>18</sup> I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. <sup>19</sup> I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; <sup>21</sup> glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen. (Ephesians 3:13-21 CEB)*

Growth & Impact Groups (GIGs) are one of the ways the church has, historically, helped people live deep and wide. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, knew that to be vital and growing disciples, people needed to be in relational groups so he placed them in what he called "Societies." Call them what you wish, we each need relationships that challenge, encourage, support and companion us to be fruitful for God's kingdom.

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NEW YEAR is 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-pleasing! What kind of different world could we make if we thought of life as an opportunity to give instead of get-what's-in-it-for-me?!

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THANK YOU every one who contributed to making your church more inviting and hospitable, especially during December when some folks may arrive who are not as comfortable or familiar with what we do here.

THANK YOU to musicians young and old, rookies and veterans who contributed your talents to making worship meaningful and affective.

THANK YOU to all who quietly serve without needing to be asked or cajoled, who see opportunities and assume the role.

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Here's a question that's been asked: "Why isn't every member just assigned their time to usher, greet, read, host...?" My response most often is that every person isn't gifted or feels able to do every task. And sometimes personalities don't mix with a position. Can you imagine a 'grouch' being a Greeter'!?

But, EVERY person is gifted in some way to "build the body of Christ." Be sure you put yourself in position for your gifts to be utilized.

Grace to you and peace,

*Pastor Paul*



Kids for Christ presented their Christmas Pageant to the residents of Cedar Manor On December 13th.

# Missions

## Mission Work Trip

The Missions team has tentatively set aside the week of July 18 for the annual summer work trip. The type of work or location has NOT been decided, but as you work on your 2016 calendar, we wanted you to be able to pencil in the dates and plan to be a part of the work trip team.

## 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 and at the Mission of Hope in Cedar Rapids, 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—Get A Buddy, Build A Kit, World Communion Soup Lunch, Share the Love, 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 2015 mission giving will be available in January and published in the February newsletter.

## Caring Ministries

In 2015, with your help, Caring Ministries 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, Halloween and Christmas. If YOU have an interest in getting involved in Caring Ministries, contact the church office.

As a congregation, we can obviously do more to reach out and care for individuals and families in the congregation and community. We rely a lot on you to assist with being the hands and feet of Jesus and caring for friends, neighbors & strangers.

Thank you for your help with this ministry!

## Shared Blessings Meals

THANK YOU to all who helped with Shared Blessings in 2015. 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 7<sup>th</sup> year! The meals will continue to be served from 11:00 a.m. to Noon on the second, fourth, and fifth Saturdays each month.

We have several community groups who help regularly with Shared Blessings meals. 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 2016 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/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, we do some food prep ahead of time and the rest during 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](mailto:kcbjrhoffman@mchsi.com).

Renee Mente (886-3239; [keegankoltonkenzie@msn.com](mailto: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 2016. 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.



## Leaving a Legacy Campaign

The goal of this financial campaign is to more than triple Edie Ford's bequest of \$31,227.27 to equal \$100,000. Fifty percent of the funds will be used for vital building projects, such as installing handicap-accessible automated doors for the breezeway entrance and repairing the sagging front steps. Twenty-five percent of funds will add to the church's endowment. Fifteen percent of funds will enhance ministry planning through developing lay leaders, completing the gathering room, and as seed for emerging ministries. Ten percent of funds will be spent on children's ministry, such as outdoor play equipment and resources for children to utilize during church.

Our goal is to reach \$100,000 by April 17, 2016. More information on how to follow in the footsteps of Edie Ford will be shared in upcoming newsletters and worship services.

### Thank You

My Mom and I have appreciated the delicious meals delivered to us in November. We look forward to enjoying them next month. It's been a great help to us while I'm appealing my disability benefits. Thank you, Pastor Donnita & Gertrude Moeller

### 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.



### WALK TO EMMAUS

A Free Gift for Yourself and Those  
You Care About

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

**Newsletter articles are due  
Wednesday, January 20th.**

**Meeting of the Holy Folders is  
Wednesday, January 27th.**

## Member News

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." -Psalm 46:1*

God's strength and peace to the family of **Judy Keller** who died November 28.

From the Family of **Max & Judy Keller**:

Thank you ALL for your food, help, kind words, and being there for our family during this difficult time. [Our] parents are truly blessed with their church family. Jerry, Connie & Chris

May the peace that passes all understanding come gently to the families & friends of :

**Charles Linn** who died Dec. 13. Family includes wife Janice; daughters Leanne (Les) Boots & Michelle (Don) Miles and their children.

**Edna Hamilton**, who died Dec. 16. Son Jim lives in I.C.; Bryce in Minneapolis; Dennis in CA.

**Marriage:** Jason Brown & Hannah Newkirk married Dec. 12. Home: 1988 W. Ave; Homestead IA 52236

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**, recognized Dec 13 **Amber (Brian) Boedeker** married long-term member Brian a couple years ago. Amber's boys are Ian and Isaac and the household includes Jacob, Justin and Brooke Boedeker.

**Shayne Lanning** is one of the preschool SS teachers and has participated in the chime choir, too. All that, while being a teacher at the Willowwind School in I.C. and being the mom for Morgan, Logan, Corina and Adrian.

You may have seen **Deb (Mark) Lowry** at Friends of the Animals where she regularly cleans the cat enclosures. She and Mark just moved a couple miles out of town from the house next door to Alberta Wagaman.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS RECEIVED...** and posted on the bulletin board outside the office:

- ◆ From **Cynthia Patnode** and daughters Rachel & Becca
- ◆ **Community State Bank** sent a donation with this note: "We are thankful to your church for enriching our community... CSB wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year." Bill Schwitzer, VP
- ◆ From **Linda Beck**, Tipton Development Director: "Thank you for Caroling at Tipton's Christmas Celebration-Tour of Lights. You all brought so much joy & happiness! Your time and talent was greatly appreciated." (We had 14 carolers the evening of Dec. 12.)



## Join us for a free **ACEs Training**

- Develop a basic understanding of the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study and the Iowa specific data.
- Review the framework for how adverse experiences lead to later health outcomes and risky behaviors.
- Discuss responses to the findings.

Presented by: Janet Smith and Kristi Cooper Family Life Specialists from ISU Extension and Outreach

**Thursday, January 28, 2016**  
**10:00 am - 12:00 noon**

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Cedar County Office  
107 Cedar St, Tipton, IA

Please RSVP by January 20<sup>th</sup> to:  
[daedlow@iastate.edu](mailto:daedlow@iastate.edu) or (563) 886-6157

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**ISU Extension and Outreach**  
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## **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 2 or 4-year college or technical 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](http://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, 2016.



Junior Youth Group

**MINISTRY GOALS** for 2016 were created by the Leadership Council and approved at the Church Conference on October 18, 2015:

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.

**Discerning God’s Preferred Future**  
**Based on your current reality, what is God asking of your congregation at this time?**

1. Build the skills for and intentionality of prayer
2. Have faith that God will transform people.
3. “Trust and Obey”: discern what God is doing and how God wants us to cooperate – and then ACT!
4. Empower GIG facilitators and provide training and tools.
5. Move toward intentional gifts-based ministry.
6. Utilize Mission & Ministry Audit to encourage intentionality and alignment of ministries with the Mission of the Church.

Participate as a church and individuals in “Change a Child’s Story”

## **Deciding Next Steps**

**What are your goals for next year to help you accomplish what God is asking of you?**

- A. Build worship attendance.
- B. Grow GIGs.
- C. Follow through with applicable HCI Consultation goals & projects, including
  - a. continued teaching and utilization of the Discipleship Pathway;
  - b. creation of and use of a ‘connection point;’

## Birthdays and Anniversaries (Members and Constituents)

- 1 – Deanna Licht
- 2 – Sharon Clark, Kennedy Jackson, Adrian Lanning
- 4 – Murry Mente
- 5 – Kypton Brown, Dixie Martin, Cassie Wallick
- 6 – Bill Esbeck, Neil Gaunt, Billy Hoffman, Sandy Ohrt
- 7 – Andrew Allen
- 8 – Ron Elijah, Nate Ohrt, Helen Timm
- 9 – Kate Shaul
- 10 – Joseph Battey, Nathan Fitch, Casey Gade, Helen Palmer
- 11 – Kiki Behne, Rae Leff
- 12 – Gwendolyn VanScoy
- 13 – Berrie Glick, Dick & Helen Palmer
- 14 – Sally Ahrens, Taylor Wendel
- 15 – Glenda Holets
- 16 – Jamie Ketelsen, Jan Linn
- 18 – Nifer Comstock, Bonnie Leslie, Michael Semotan Jr., Rylee Semotan, Emily Wulf
- 19 – Andrea Brown, Sylvia Gould, Mark Lowry, Tina Nau, Matt Schmidt, Alexandria Voss, Larry & Kathy Houstman,
- 20 – Samantha Eberle, Carson Glick, Corey Ormsby
- 21 – Elmer & Cuba Flory
- 22 – Chris Eicher, Roger Regennitter, Isaac Spangler, Lyle & Cynthia Fitch
- 23 – Jeff Leslie
- 25 – Brad & Bobbie Lieser
- 26 – Blake Huston, Shayne Lanning
- 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 & Jerrelyn Weaver

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

**SAVE!!!** With your January newsletter is the list of 2016 LEADERSHIP with the 2016 GENERAL BUDGET on the back. SAVE that paper for reference throughout the year. You might also look at the Leadership list if there's a Team or position for which you'd like to volunteer, contact Pastor Paul.

**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 2015 records in order and ready. Bob Cummins has accepted the position of Finance Chairperson. Questions may be directed to him until they leave for "South;" after that, 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.

### 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you want offering envelopes for 2016 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.)

### FINANCES AND FAITH:

An advertisement in Christianity Today by a leading seminary pictured stacks of money and piles of coins under the heading, "It's put more Christians at the stake than Nero." The ad went on to state, "Throughout history, countless Christians have fallen victim to the power of money. So if you're struggling to find the balance between finance and faith, remember this: Real security is not a matter of what's in your pockets, but who's in your heart."

That's good advice, isn't it? Real security — God-given security — comes not from money or alarm systems, but from God and God alone. But the difficulty in finding the balance between finance and faith extends far beyond that seminary or its advertising. Every family, every person must be diligent or, at least in our culture, we will fall prey to being in the grasp of the 'Financial god.' That is true for those who have much; and it is also true for those who have little. There is no pleasing that Financial god. Attitudes, covetousness, fear, miserliness (think Scrooge!) can put a veil over even the brightest times, events, relationships and possibilities.

It's been estimated that 2,350 times the Bible gives advice how to live freely, not chained by finances. The most cited biblical method is to think first of others, then to learn to live on the remainder. This is called "First Fruits."



## Help Craft Tipton UMC's Online Presence

You don't need to read the newsletter to know that Americans are spending more and more time online. There are points that can be made for why time spent online is good and why it is bad. The Church is called to the work of redemption of the world, wherever the world is. Your church has a website and a facebook account, but neither are routinely updated. We need people from our church to help make our online presence one that is useful as a tool in the work of the Church. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Melinda Stonebraker.

### Give Online

**Who:** Anyone wanting to give who has a bank account, credit card, or debit card.

**What:** Give securely online as a one-time payment or automatically recurring payment.

**When:** Anytime, and especially when you'll be gone for vacation, family events, athletic tournaments, etc.

**Why:** Why use online? It is simple, convenient, no checks to write, can be one-time or automatically recurring; Why give? Financial stewardship is a spiritual discipline, partnering with others to do God's work in the world.

**Where:** <http://www.tiptonumc.org>

**How:** Click the Give Now button, setup an account, and submit your gift.



### Don't forget the discipleship pathway

January is as good a time as any to pause and think about where you've been and where you're going. In September we introduced the Discipleship Pathway Self-Assessment, which can be obtained from the church office or the church website, [tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org). The self-assessment is intended to help a person see where he or she is currently and indicate some steps toward spiritual maturity. Ideally, this effort is supported by other people in a GIG (Growth and Impact Group) or partnership of some sort.

Perhaps this self-assessment, or this whole idea of discipleship pathway is too vague and you'd like more specifics. This month we'll start at the top, in the Deeply Rooted section, with Prayer and Meditation.

*What is prayer and meditation?* Prayer is talking to God, and doesn't have to be "off the cuff". Prayer includes acknowledging God's attributes and power, expressing thanks for gifts and provision received, confession of sin, and asking for help for a variety of needs. Meditation includes quietness, solitude, and thinking about and listening to God.

*Why are these disciplines beneficial?* Prayer and meditation help us focus on what is important and true. Through prayer we can remind ourselves that God is loving and good (and powerful, just, compassionate, etc), accept the grace and forgiveness God offers, and cast our anxiety on the One who cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Sometimes our lives seem too busy to pray. Our calendars overwhelm us and we lose focus. Through prayer, especially when we are busy, we begin to allow our focus to change toward God's focus: the redemption of the world (John 3:17). With that focus, we see how God is present with us and can work through us in the events of our daily lives.

*How do I get started?* There are lots of ways to pray. Maybe the simplest is to find a place, maybe while still in bed or on the drive to work, to take a few moments to talk to God. Other ideas are on the GIG page on our website (under the Worship tab).

*The bottom line: "Pray without ceasing"* (1 Thessalonians 5:17) may seem intimidating, but the important thing is to start somewhere and start now. Harnish quotes Henri Nouwen saying "discipleship cannot be realized without discipline". The discipline of prayer and meditation requires effort and should be practiced by all of us. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. To that end, we are here to help one another on the journey. A GIG can help support you. Please let me know if you want to join.

Melinda Stonebraker



## M & M FAIR

From your pastor

I heard recently of a church that had stopped using the term “member.” Instead of becoming a “member,” when people had given evidence of commitment toward prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness, they could then request to become “staff.”

You see, our culture has too much baggage about “membership.” If a person has a *membership* to a club, points reward system, family, profession, what-have-you, there is the assumption of PRIVILEGE, of entitlements. Well, if you’ve had the blessing of being part of a GIG doing the experience of A Disciple’s Path, you know very well that there is no such thing as “privilege” when living the disciple’s life!! Jesus has a mission for the church; saying that by the power of the Holy Spirit the church would do greater things than even he accomplished!

**Membership** means you become a **staff person serving the work of God in the world today**. Some of that work will be in the church of Jesus Christ. After all, Jesus put all his eggs in the church’s basket! (See Matthew 16:18-21 and/or I Corinthians 12-14 and many more) If this is ‘your church,’ **you are staff**. If something needs to be done, don’t look around and see who’s going to do it; get with it – and do it as a service to Jesus Christ.

Now, on a related topic... you GET TO SERVE in a variety of ways in this church. [And, yes, you are expected to!] SO, **January 10, 2016** we will have an M & M FAIR, which is short for;

### Mission & Ministry Fair

In the Gathering Place we will have various ministries are invited to set up displays which explain what the ministry is about and give an idea of the expectations of those who serve in that area. Many ministries will also have a calendar/schedule available so we can all sign up for a year’s worth of service!! We’ll have a **Talent & Interest Survey** available for every one. Oh yes, M&M’s will be available.



## Women and Men, Retired or Working Ministry Opportunity

Want to help people when it is most appreciated?  
Want to know the pure deep-down joy of generosity?  
There’s a way for YOU to be part of the funeral ministry. Sure, persons are needed the day & time of the funeral to work. If you’re employed or otherwise engaged, that’s not possible, but you can still offer desserts and/or salads. (Often the “main course” is now catered.)

You realize that sometimes the window is fairly narrow between the time a funeral is scheduled and when all arrangements need to be in place. It will assist the work if the coordinators, Lois Salmonson and Mary Wright have an up-to-date list to work off. Could you let Lois (886-2315, [SRON263@aol.com](mailto:SRON263@aol.com)) or the church office know what roles you would be willing to fill. Obviously, not one of us can say we will “always” be available and able to assist. Here are some of the ways you might help:

- ◆ Preparations: food, setting tables, dishing up desserts, sometimes moving furniture too
- ◆ Serving and Clean-up (always helpful to have a co-ed group for some of these tasks, from pouring coffee to doing dishes!)
- ◆ Providing dessert or salad (can get around most work schedules)
- ◆ Provide hospitality in the Gathering Place for family; usually just coffee and a cold drink; answer questions
- ◆ be a resource person
- ◆ Run the technology during the service
- ◆ Usher and assist the funeral directors



**Kids for Christ**

**Sunday, January 10th**

**2:30 to 4:30**

**All ages are welcome!**



## Worship in January

- Jan. 3** Epiphany; Carol communion;  
“BE the Miracle”
- Scripture:** Matthew 13:13-15; Matthew 2:1-12;  
Isiah 60:1-6
- Music:** Keyboards and Chancel Choir
- Jan. 10** “More Than the Hawkeyes: Resolution  
Matters”
- Scripture:** Acts 8:14-17; Luke 9:18-20
- Music:** Christian Chaos, Choir Kids
- Jan. 17** “Want to Get In ‘Hot Water’? Here’s A  
Plan!”
- Scripture:** Luke 17:1-9
- Music:** Chancel Choir, Keyboards
- Jan. 24** “Being a Player in the World’s Battles”
- Scripture:** Luke 9:23-25
- Music:** Christian Chaos, Choir Kids
- Jan. 31** “Holy Uprising!”
- Scripture:** I Corinthians 15:3-6
- Music:** Keyboards and Chancel Choir

### Youth Group Activities for January!

All youth grades 5th to 12th are invited to attend and bring along a friend or two to youth group Jan. 6th from 5:30 pm till 8:00 pm.

The meeting will be at the Heartland Sports Center and Pizza Hut. Youth meet at the Heartland at 5:30, where we will shoot hoops, play volleyball, and whatever else we can think of! We will then walk to Pizza Hut for dinner. If you are able, bring along \$2 to contribute toward your meal. We will conclude at 8 p.m. at Pizza Hut! Parents - we could use a few helpers for this one; want to join us??

We have had a great year so far. We are patiently waiting for the snow to arrive so we can have another fun outing, so be on the lookout for that announcement.

Thank you again, parents, for your time, donations, and encouragement to us and your kiddos this year!

Penny Webb, Bobbie Leiser, and Stacy Chapman

## Prayers

### Hospitalized/Procedures:

**Healing:** Joanne Beers, Jessica Brown (Seydel’s dau.), Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming’s bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook’s sister), Jerry Ferguson, Marvin Ford, Donna Gault, Jean Heil (Brian’s mom), Arlene Hein, Dean Hoffman (Kent’s dad), Linda Huff (M. Stonebraker’s mom), Rex Idlewine, Chris Keller, Ron Martin, Mark McKay (Ken’s bro), Christopher McKinney, Grace Nichols (J.Comstock’s mom), Warren Nielson (L&K Houstman’s bro-in-law), Ray Penningroth (M. Stonerook’s bro); Jim Shontz, Ray Steinberg, Heather Strefling, Gary Taylor, Keith Wood, and others under care or treatment.

### Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Family & friends of Edna Hamilton, celebrating her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday with Jesus. Funeral was Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Couples/Families searching for the way forward.  
Persons & families of incarceration;  
Persons in employment limbo;  
Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.  
Persons uprooted due to “natural” and/or “human” disaster; and those who are called to help.  
Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

**In Treatment:** Gary Kline, Katie Ryan, Linda (Kay Miller’s sis)

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

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



## January Sunday Servants

### **Liturgists** Twyla Hein - Coordinator

10 – Jen Johnson  
17 – Sherry Willey  
24 – Greg Brown  
31 – Larry Glick

### **Power Point** Becky Young - Coordinator

3 – Brian Heil  
10 – Renee Mente  
17 – Melinda Stonebraker  
24 – Carmen Hoffman  
31 – Ken McKay Create, Chris McKinney Run

### **Fellowship Coffee** Barb R. & Dixie M.-Coordinator

3 – Ron & Dixie Marin, Lin Hannes  
10 – Leadership Potluck  
17 – Johnson family, Cartwright family  
24 – Ron & Dixie Martin, Judy Ohrt  
31 – McKinney family, Rhonda Waugh

### **Greeters** Becky Young - Coordinator

3 – Wayne & Ann Neville  
10 – Bob & Glenda Holets  
17 – Josh & Alisha Hubler  
24 – Randy & Tina Nau  
31 – Scott & Karen Anderson

### **Nursery** Office - Coordinator

3 – Bob Young  
10 – Jen Johnson  
17 –  
24 – Renee Mente  
31 – Cummins-Vanscoy family

### **Children's Lesson** Office - Coordinator

10 – Dusty Johnson  
17 – Berrie Glick  
24 – Deanna Licht  
31 – Melinda Stonebraker

### **Ushers** Lorna Muller - Coordinator

3 – Stonebraker family  
10 – Ken & Lorna Muller, Brian & Amber Boedeker  
17 – Mike Nissen & Stephanie Shaull, Penelope Nissen, Les & Leann Boots  
24 – Katie & Adam Rippentrop  
31 – Heil family, Alex & Bailey Anderson

### **Communion Stewards** Donna Gault - Coordinator

3 – Twyla Hein & Kim Cross

### **Flowers** Becky Young - Coordinator

We will discontinue the flower sign up sheets for the winter. If someone would like to provide flowers for a special occasion please let the church office know.

### **Acolytes** Kim Walter - Coordinator

3 – Volunteers  
10 – Jacob Boedeker & Lucas Lieser  
17 – Levi & Beckham Daniel  
24 – Kayla Walter & Danica Rippentrop  
31 – Adam Heil & Lea Stonebraker

## Presence & Gifts from Nov.

**Worship Attendance:** 1–110, 8–131, 15–108,

22–113, 29–?

Average: 115

**Sunday School Attendance:** 1–75, 8–91, 15–72,

22–75, 29–56

Average: 79

**General Fund: \$15,938.01**, Upper Room \$14.11, Fellowship Coffee \$0.11, Apportionments \$8520.00, College Connections \$50.00, Shared Blessings \$50.76, L.F.P. Salary \$886.32, Missions \$70.00, UMC Tee Shirts \$172.50, Copper Kettle \$259.95, Thanksgiving Offering \$609.00, Blanket Sunday \$5.00, Mission Market \$112.25, Ingathering \$25.63.

**Grand Total \$26,713.64**

### **Strengthening Families Program 10-14**

**Facilitator Training is coming to eastern Iowa!!!**

*“Strengthening Families” is a very solid program with a strong track record of success in building stronger families. The Tipton Community would be blessed to have this course offered regularly, as families grow into having children from 10 to 14 years old. pef*

Save the dates February 16-18, 2016 for a training of facilitators in the Strengthening Families Program: For Parents and Youth 10-14. The training will be held at the Linn County Extension and Outreach Office in Cedar Rapids. Registration fees are \$400 [if not employed by ISU Ext.] If interested, some assistance with registration and attendance costs will be covered by the church. The registration link can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/sfp10-14/content/calendar>

**Friday Jan 1**

Office Closed

**Sunday Jan. 3**

8:30 am Choir Kids

9:00 am GIG

9:00 am Sunday School: Group

Sunday School—Preschool-6<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Worship

3:30 pm Junior Lego League

**Monday Jan. 4**

6:45 pm Creative Worship

6:45 pm Missions Mtg

**Tuesday Jan. 5**

4:00 pm Communion @ Prairie Hills

**Wednesday Jan. 6**

1:00 pm GIG

5:30 pm Youth Group

6:00 pm GIG

6:30 pm GIG

7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday Jan. 7**

9:30 am Communion @ Cedar Manor

10:00 am GIG

6:30 pm Chaos Practice

7:00 pm Financial Peace

**Saturday Jan. 9**

9:00 am UMW Brunch

11:00 am Shared Blessings Meal

**Sunday Jan. 10**

8:30 am Choir Kids

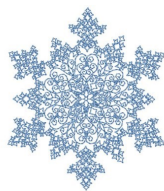
9:00 am GIG

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am M &amp; M Fair

11:35 am Potluck after Church

**Sunday Jan. 10 (continued)**

12:40-2 pm Leadership

Orientation

2:30 pm KFC

6:00 pm Dominoes

**Monday Jan. 11**

6:30 pm Chaos Practice

**Wednesday Jan. 13**

1:00 pm GIG

1:30 pm Bible Study

6:00 pm GIG

6:30 pm GIG

7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday Jan. 14**

10:00 am GIG

10:00 am Pastor @ Peer Ministry

7:00 pm Financial Peace

**Sunday Jan. 17**

8:30 am Choir Kids

9:00 am GIG

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

**Monday, Jan. 18**

3:55 LFP Board Meeting

**Wednesday Jan. 20****Newsletter Articles Due**

1:00 pm GIG

6:00 pm GIG

6:30 pm GIG

7:00 pm Choir Practice

8:00 pm Abigail Circle

**Thursday Jan. 21**

10:00 am GIG

6:30 pm Chaos Practice

6:30 pm Girl Scouts #5302

6:30 pm Trustees Mtg

7:00 pm Financial Peace

**Saturday Jan. 23**

11:00 am Shared Blessings

**Sunday Jan. 24**

8:30 am Choir Kids

9:00 am GIG

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

3:00 pm Worship @ Cedar Manor

**Monday Jan. 25**

6:30 pm Chaos Practice

**Tuesday Jan. 26**

2:00 pm Prairie Hills Program

**Wednesday Jan 27,**

8:00 am Mtg of Holy Folders

1:00 pm GIG

1:30 pm Bible Study

6:00 pm GIG

6:30 pm GIG

7:00 pm Choir Practice

7:30 pm Leadership Council

**Thursday Jan. 28**

10:00 am GIG

7:00 pm Financial Peace

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

**Saturday Jan. 30**

11:00 am Shared Blessings

**Sunday Jan. 31**

8:30 am Choir Kids

9:00 am GIG

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

2:00-4:30 pm District

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

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