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United Methodist News

June 2016

Pastor Jenny Seylar begins July 1

Reverend Jenny Seylar (rhymes with Tyler) will become our new Pastor beginning July 1. Pastor Jenny lives in Coralville with her husband Dale and their 16 year old son, Ethan. Their daughter Callie will be entering her third year of college, and their oldest son Andy and his wife Stephanie live nearby. She has gifts and a passion for children, youth, families, and outreach ministry, having led numerous youth and adult mission trips over the years. When not doing ministry in the local church, Pastor Jenny enjoys time with family hiking, kayaking, gardening, and traveling.

Please be in prayer for Pastor Jenny and her family as they transition to ministry in Tipton. Her first Sunday will be July 3. Open your heart and decide that you are going to love Pastor Jenny. Send cards of welcome and encouragement to Pastor Jenny Seylar; 10 Chad Ct.; Coralville, IA 52241.

June Events

June 3-6 — Annual Conference

June 12 — Dominoes

June 11 — Shared Blessings

June 14 — Flag Day

June 19 — Farewell Brunch

June 20 — Grief Group

June 22 — Newsletter Articles Due

June 23 — Tri-County Comm. Band
Concert/Courthouse Lawn

June 24 — Youth Group To Maquoketa
Caves

June 25 — Shared Blessings

June 29 — Meeting of the Holy Folders

Jane and I will be loading our things June 24th. At that point I will no longer be your pastor. You are released of this pastor-parishioner relationship to have ability to put your whole self into ministry with Pastor Jenny. Until July 1 there will be on-call pastors, and Pastor Jenny Seylar will begin as your pastor July 1. Spencer is a long way away, but even if it was next door, I will not return to perform pastoral duties. That's just standard ethical practice of ministerial professionals. Beyond that, can you imagine how 'popular' a former pastor would become if there was the appearance of picking and choosing who he or she would/would not return to extend favors?!?! That would quickly get very muddy.



As your pastor I have sought to be faithful to one guiding principle: What must we do to be faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ? I have not always presented Jesus with sensitivity, and sometimes I've failed to communicate clearly the theological and/or biblical "why". It's no secret to most of you that I can be impatient. I ask for forgiveness. Don't hold my failings against one another, current or future. In spite of our humanness, I believe we have headed a direction pleasing to God. It will be exciting to see what God and you will do next!!

Oh, and one more thing, if I may be so bold: Don't 'use' social media to communicate any message that should be delivered directly. And don't think that just because something is 'out there' that "everyone knows."



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Paul's Ponderings

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*

(UM Hymnal No. 117; vs. 1)

In 1947 & 48 there was a massive remodeling of the then-44 year-old building. The congregation did major work on what is now called the Gathering Place. When that work was done, they worshipped in that space for a time while the sanctuary underwent major remodeling. Can you imagine?!?! It was only 44 years old! On November 21, 1948 they held a major re-dedication Service. On page three of the re-dedication program is this note:

Briefly, Methodism in Tipton began in 1841 with a small Methodist Class of five people. Today we are more than six-hundred-fifty strong.

Using that record, it means Tipton 1st United Methodist Church has given witness for **175 years!!** That long and faithful history of being God's church provides much cause for humility for Jane and I as we close out 11 years of ministry with you in Cedar County and Tipton. Little did any of us know 11 years ago what sort of water God would bring us through.

For example, I had no concept that I would ever lead a church in doing anything more than routine maintenance with a church facility. After going from the top of the peak with the new roof to the dirt beneath the basement floor, I realize anew that God can use us in surprising ways! I've never had a dream {maybe a nightmare or two!} about raising funds for capital improvements. But being part of the miraculous ways God moved among us in the midst of the biggest economic down-turn in most of our lives so we could be a debt-free center for missions and ministries made me realize how much fun it must be for God to sit up in heaven, big stogie between his fingers, saying, "I love it when a plan comes together!" And WE get to be part of that joy! Wow.

But as exciting as those tangible activities have been, there is another, more gratifying aspect of ministry, to which I feel much more strongly called. Ministry is people. Specifically, calling people to move further into the work and joy of intentional discipleship. "Ministry" is not dropping everything to do whatever people want us to do. (That's either slavery; or a diseased need to be a people-pleaser!!) "People ministry" is harder to quantify, but may include:

- 66 Baptisms;
- 159 people received into membership (six have died; at least 23 of the adults have since moved away);
- 40 marriages;
- 115 funerals; including 80 "members" who have died;
- 55,392 is the number of miles I have vouchered for reimbursement;
- 129 monthly "programs" at Prairie Hills (and probably half that number at Cedar Manor).

Yes, we came into Tipton just 10 days prior to the first residents moving to Prairie Hills. The second time I visited Esther Witmer, she suggested that "the church needs to do some programs out here." That was the start, and since October of 2005 there has been a "program" by area churches/pastors nearly every Tuesday at 2 pm.

We've been speaking of "legacies." Few are as strong as that of Esther. My first week then-secretary Sylvia Gould said I should really go ask Esther if, at 96 years old, she was still willing to schedule the worship readers. Well, I thought that sounded like a good idea so I went to her house, just prior to her move to Prairie Hills. She said, "Well, if you want me to I suppose I could still do that. With email it's really not all that difficult." Well, that comment, looking back, was like God saying:

"Behold, I do a new thing; Get on board... or get run over!"

Thanks, Esther. Thanks, God. I'm proud to be a footnote in your history.

I am excited that you get to have Jenny Seylar as your next pastor. She brings delightful gifts for ministry and a passion to continue to help you move deeper and more faithfully into the life of discipleship. Pray for her until she begins her ministry here on July 1; then pray for her because she's your pastor!

Pastor Paul



Congregation Celebration

Mark Your Calendars

June 19 Farewell Brunch with Pastor Paul and Jane
After Worship, in the Dining Room
Worship begins at 9:30am in the Sanctuary, the brunch
will begin around 10:45 or 11:00.



Join us for this POTLUCK Brunch to celebrate the work God has done at Tipton UMC through Pastor Paul and Jane during the last 11 years. Bob Young, Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair, and Kathy Houstman, Leadership Council Co-Chair, will be the emcees for the event. Barb Rickard, Kim Cross, and Twyla Hein are coordinating the food. If you have questions, please contact any one of them. Otherwise, bring some food to share as we celebrate Pastor Paul and Jane and wish them farewell as they move to Spencer.

Gift offerings will be collected during two special 60-second offerings, one on June 5 and another on June 12. If you wish to contribute to a gift for Jane and Pastor Paul, please bring it with you to worship on one of those two Sundays or contact Bob Young or Kathy Houstman.

Use Me

If You can use anything Lord
You can use me
If You can use anything Lord
You can use me
Take my hands, Lord
And my feet
Touch my heart, Lord
And speak through me
If You can use anything Lord
You can use me

Lord, you called Moses
From the wilderness
And You put a rod in his hand
You used him to lead Your people
Over to the Promised Land
Lord, I'm willing to trust in You
So take my life Lord
And use it too
Yes, if You can use anything Lord
Come on and use me

When David fought Goliath
And that mighty giant fell
He proved to his people
That God was alive in Israel
Lord, I'm available to You
And I'm waiting to be used
Yes I am, Lord

After the multitudes
Heard the words that Jesus said
He took two fish and five loaves
And the multitude was fed
Lord, what I have may not be much
But I know it can
Multiply by Your touch
So if You can use anything Lord
Come on and use me

Written by Dewitt Jones and Ron Kenoly

*God is looking for people
to use, and if you
can get usable,
he will wear you out.
The most dangerous
prayer you can
pray is this:
"Use me."*

-Rick Warren

Worship Speaker June 5

Mike Herring will be present with us Sunday, June 5 during worship (9:30am) to present the work that God is doing in Liberia. He suggests reading this brief history and included these comments: In general, Liberians are very grateful for what the United States has done and continues to do for their country. In order to understand why the Ebola crisis of 2013-2015 was so devastating to the country, one has to know the history of the country. What I tried to do in this one page synopsis is to describe why the once former 'bread basket' and 'economic center' of sub-Saharan Africa cannot even feed her own people. The people of Liberia need our help!

Liberia was officially recognized by the world community as an independent country on July 26, 1847, when the Liberian founders signed their Declaration of Independence from the United States of America. The signing of this document was the result a prearranged agreement that began 27 years earlier, when freed slaves from northern states of the USA, i.e. the Union, aided by The American Colonization Society were given passage to Africa; the purpose being to establish the country now known as Liberia.

The first group of 86 freed slaves departed New York City on February 6, 1820, on their epic journey to Africa. Upon their arrival, in what is now the capital city Monrovia, many perished as a result of malaria and typhoid. Over the next 27 years, additional ships made the trans-Atlantic voyage, bringing a total of approximately 3,800 freed slaves to their new home. Collectively, these "pilgrims" were/are referred to as Americo-Liberians.

It must be noted the area the Americo-Liberians settled was already populated by an indigenous population, consisting of 16 tribal organizations. The tribal boundaries were and are generally defined by rivers, forming the outline of 15 distinct county entities. Because of their educational background and the fact they came from the United States, a country already reaching world economic dominance, the Americo-Liberian politicians considered themselves to be of an elite class. For the next century, the Americo-Liberian politicians governed in an elite-sub servant manner, causing continuous friction between the two "classes".

In the 1940s the Liberian people elected William Tubman, grandson of Harriet Tubman (founder of the U.S. Underground Railroad system) as their President. President Tubman made it a point to position indigenous people within his administration. That appeased the indigenous population to a minor extent, but created animosity within the Americo-Liberian ruling class. Upon President Tubman's death, his Vice President, William Tolbert assumed the office of Presidency. During his Presidential tenure, cut short by his assassination, President Tolbert divested the Tubman indigenous appointees of their leadership positions. President Tolbert was replaced by an indigenous rebel leader named Samuel Doe, who governed the country under 'military styled junta rule' for the next five years. In 1985 Samuel Doe was elected President, under scandalous voter fraud circumstances, which plagued his administration until his execution style assassination five years later. During President Doe's rule, foreign leaders, including the US, began backing another rebel leader named Charles Taylor. After President Doe's assassination, Charles Taylor assumed control of Liberia. Taylor's Presidency did not improve the troubled nation's political tensions and in fact propelled the country into a 13 year civil war.

Because of political skirmishes, that began in the mid 1980's, Liberia's 'agricultural reputation' of once being considered the "Bread Basket" of sub-Saharan Africa ceased to exist!!! Today, 90% of Liberian's food is imported from foreign countries. Also of note is the fact 80% of a typical Liberian's diet comes from rice. The country of Liberia has yet to recover economically from its 13 year civil war. The country is presently saddled with a 90% unemployment rate, with the average **WORKING** Liberian earning \$3.00 to \$3.50 per **DAY**.

When Ebola struck the country in early 2014, the country was already set up for failure as identified by the statistics referenced above. In an effort to contain the spread of Ebola, the country's borders were closed. While this aided in the containment of the Ebola virus, it also meant food imports were stopped at the border. Food that was allowed into the country became a precious "black market" commodity, driving up food costs to an already desperately poor country. Thus, the need for our November 2014 fund raiser.

Recommend reads: "Mighty Be Our Powers", Leymah Gbowee. "Strength in What Remains", Tracy Kidder.

Missions

Thanksgiving Ingathering Brochure

In 2015, our church reached our goal of 120 Ingathering kits. Wow! The Missions Team will be setting our 2016 goal for Ingathering Kits in early June.

The 2016 Ingathering brochure is available at the back of the sanctuary and in the office. Pick up a copy of this information – toss brochures from prior years. The Missions team will be highlighting different Ingathering kits each month. It's easy to put together kits... consider making up a few kits with your family or a group of friends. The Dedication of Ingathering Kits will be held on Sunday, October 30 so all kits must be turned in by that date. The Ingathering is Saturday, Nov. 5.

Jane's Thoughts

Paul and I have grown to love Tipton. In many ways, it's hard to believe that we've been here 11 years! It's been a privilege to get to know you and be in ministry with you! As I reflect on our time here, highlights for me are the relationships/friendships we've developed with so many of you. I've been able to share in some pretty amazing ministries with you...work trips at home and far away, Shared Blessings meals, Rummage Sales, GIGs (small groups & music), Financial Peace, Caring Ministries, College Connections, Mission/Outreach activities/events, etc.

Renovations of the kitchen/dining room and most recently, the Gathering Place have helped our church to be more welcoming. (Pull up a chair next to the fireplace and take a deep breath. That's a new favorite spot for me in Tipton — in addition to our back porch!) Through the Healthy Church Initiative process, we've learned or were at least reminded of the importance of continually inviting and reaching out into the community and growing spiritually. It's a never ending process. You're headed in the right direction; keep working at it!

THANK YOU for the many ways you've blessed and supported us and God's ministry during our time in Tipton! You have made a difference in our lives and for this we are grateful!

We will keep you, Pastor Jenny and her family, 1st UMC – Tipton, and the Tipton community in our prayers. I ask that you also include Paul and me in your prayers. Even though Paul will no longer be your pastor, I hope that you will keep in touch. If you're ever in NW Iowa, come worship at Grace UMC in Spencer (Sundays at 9:30) or let us know you're in the area. Our new contact information is:

Paul Frederiksen & Jane Moen
222 W. 4th Street
Spencer, IA 51301
712-262-7654 (home)
jemoen@smunet.net; pefred@smunet.net (after July 1st)

I'll close with a blessing and my prayer for you:

As you go on your way...May Christ go with you and richly bless you.
May He go before you to show you the way; May He go behind you to encourage you; Beside you to be a friend to you; Above you to watch over you; Within you to give you peace. Amen.

Jane Moen

Mission Projects Thank You!

THANK YOU for the support given to the Easter Breakfast, Easter Pool Offering, and Rummage Sale!

A total of \$949 was raised for the Easter Pool Offering. The Missions team added some copper kettle funds so \$110 was sent to each of the eleven special offerings: Human Relations, Native American Ministries, Peace with Justice, World Communion, United Methodist Students, Golden Cross, Disabilities Awareness, Christian Education, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, Rural Life, and Hispanic Ministries. The Easter Breakfast raised \$263. Again, some copper kettle funds were added so \$300 was recently sent to Heifer International. Thank you!

The 11th annual rummage sale raised over \$1,700. Hours of work goes into the set up, clean up and into the sale itself. The sale is a great example of "many hands make light work". The sale ended at 11:00 am and most of the clean up was done by 12:15. A BIG thank you goes out to ALL who helped in any way with the sale, donated items or hauled a load to a charity.

Mission Market

The Mission Market will open at the end of June for fresh garden produce in the church's breezeway. If you have extra produce you'd like to donate, please bring it to the church. Any FREEWILL DONATIONS given for the fruits and vegetables will go to mission projects. Thanks!



Cave Quest

Following Jesus

The Light of The World!

Vacation Bible School is right round the corner and the planning committee has been hard at work!

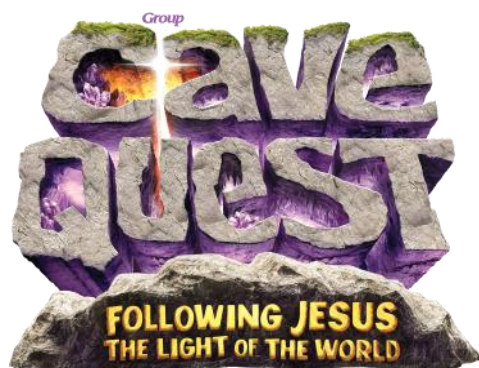
Come join us 6:00-8:00pm, July 25 -27, where you'll hear stories about God's love for you, make cool crafts, learn great songs, play some fun games, learn how to serve God & others and make new friends.

Get registered by July 1 and be entered into a drawing for a prize! Register at this website:

<http://2016tiptonvbs.weebly.com/>.

On the website you can register your kids to VBS, register to volunteer and find a list of supplies that we need to make VBS great! Don't do websites? No worries- we have registration forms on the East door in the breezeway. Turn your registrations into the church office.

If you have any questions, please ask Bobbie Lieser (blieser@gmail.com) or Jen Johnson (jen.dusty@gmail.com)!



Youth Group

The Youth Group will be taking a trip to **Maquoketa Caves on June 24th!** Come join the fun! Meet at the church at 11:30, we will travel to the caves, explore lots! We will then have dinner at the shelter and travel home. Be sure to let Penny Webb (dpwebb97@gmail.com) or Bobbie Lieser (blieser@gmail.com) know by June 20th if you plan to attend. As always, adults are welcome!

Death: May God's peace be with Vivian and other family & friends of **Jim Shontz**, who died May 16.

Wedding: Marriage blessings to **Nicole (Royer) & Chris Paul**, married May 7, 2016. (Chris is a member of the Army Reserves and anticipates deployment soon.)

Birth: **Lucas Cole Houstman** born May 11, 2016, to Kevin and Elizabeth, joins big bro Ethan. Grandparents include Larry and Kathy Houstman. Uncle Nathan is also proud.

College graduate: **Kellie Rouse** is now, as of May 14, 2016, an alumnus of Morningside College. (You'll soon begin receiving the donation letters from the College Advancement Office!) Morningside is one of the four historically Methodist-related colleges in Iowa. The others are Iowa Wesleyan in Mt. Pleasant; Cornell in Mt. Vernon; and Simpson College in Indianola.

NEW ADDRESSES, please! Please provide address changes to the church office. Especially this time of the year, **college students** are moving to summer quarters.

Blessed to be on this Journey with You

I'm overwhelmed with the love, kindness, and support that our congregation has shown to me since we announced that I'm pursuing a call to ordained ministry. Several people have asked for more specifics, so I want to share that information with all of you. Ryan, Zoe, Lea, and I all appreciate your prayers.

I start at University of Dubuque Theological Seminary this summer, with online orientation starting mid-June and preparatory assignments beginning in early July. I will then go to campus July 30-August 12 for the first August "intensive". After the intensive there will be a few more assignments to finish the summer session. Then Fall semester starts in early September and ends in December. Spring semester starts late January and ends early May. There is a second two-week intensive at the beginning of January each year. During the regular Fall and Spring semesters, I will go to campus on Mondays only, with the remainder of my work being done online. The program lasts 4-years and is part-time, with 10-11 credits per semester, some of which are done during the intensives. At the end of it all, I should receive a Master of Divinity degree. I'll be taking classes in the areas of Bible, Church History, Theology, and Ministry (disciple making, caregiving, leading worship, preaching). There will also be some field experiences (done in Tipton?) and a set of Integrative courses including God's Redemptive Mission, Gospel in Context, Starting Missional Communities, and Discipleship Formation. I'll also have electives, some of which will be United Methodist studies.

At the same time that I'm going to seminary, I'm also working through the process of candidacy for ordination in the United Methodist Church. It's a rather lengthy process. The first step includes study, self-reflection, working with a mentor (Alexis Johnson from West Branch UMC is my mentor), meetings with the district committee on ministry, and more with the end goal of being a certified candidate. My current plan, which is subject to change, is to be certified as candidate later this year.

Many of you have asked how you can help. Please pray for us; share in our joys and our concerns. This is a new endeavor for our family and one that has surprised us. We are apprehensive even as we are excited and we certainly appreciate your prayers on our behalf. In addition, during the intensives when I'm away, Ryan and the girls might like some food and company (the girls especially may like some company). It's suggested that I order most of my books through Amazon, so if you have any Amazon store credit you don't plan to use and want to give to us, let me know. Additionally, if you hear of scholarships that you think I'd qualify for, please tell me.

I'm excited to be on this journey with you. May God be praised!

-Melinda Stonebraker

Discipleship Pathway



Discipleship Pathway Self-Assessment

Back in cold January we started looking deeper each month at one of the elements in our discipleship pathway self-assessment. We started with Deeply Rooted: scripture reflection, prayer and meditation; and then moved to Branching Out: corporate worship and small group study, and are now ready to begin Branching Out.

The first element in Branching Out is “Gifts-based Service”. 1 Peter 4:10 (CEB) says, “*serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God’s diverse gifts*”. Often an introduction to gifts-based service is volunteering in the church. However, volunteering isn’t the same as serving in your area of spiritual giftedness. Spiritual gifts are not necessarily aligned with our talents or skills, the areas where we most naturally volunteer. Spiritual gifts “are the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to match our deep passions with the world’s deep need. The gifts are given to individuals, but they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us” (umc.org). Spiritual gifts include teaching, hospitality, prayer, healing, prophecy, helping, administration, and more.

To learn more about what gift(s) you’ve been given by the Holy Spirit (EVERY believer has a gift, including YOU), take an assessment at umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts. Then, after you know your gift(s), or if you already know, but aren’t using your gift(s), talk to your GIG leader, Melinda Stonebraker, or Pastor Paul about how you can use your gift(s) in our community.

Gifts-based service is so important to being a fruitful and fulfilled disciple of Jesus that it should not be overlooked. Jesus says in John 15, “*My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.... I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.*” Prayerfully consider how you are participating in gift-based service “that your joy may be complete”.

—Melinda Stonebraker

WORKING TOGETHER TO FULFILL GOD’S MISSION

The United Methodist Church in [Mount Ayr](#) has seen tremendous growth in the last few years. Seventy people in worship was the norm only seven years ago. Now, however, their attendance is regularly 120.

The small congregation in rural southern Iowa was founded in 1856. When several of their leaders began participating in [Healthy Church Initiative](#) (HCI) workshops, exciting things began to happen.

Our laity began to dream dreams and recognize that “all things are possible in Christ,” said their pastor, the Rev. Charles “Skip” Rushing.

During a weekend consultation, the second step of the HCI process, the church explored their hopes for future. A team of consultants presented a report to the congregation after talking with church leaders, which included “prescriptions,” or action steps, that they could pursue in response to the gifts that God had already given them for ministry.

A Wednesday after-school program has developed as a result of their engagement with HCI, and their youth group is growing. “It’s allowing people to have energy and a positive feeling about what can happen,” said Rushing. Their mission support has improved, and they are more intentionally nurturing relationships in the community, including the school.

HCI is supported in part with \$30,000 in Parish Development funds made possible through the apportionment gifts of the United Methodist churches of Iowa.



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Neighbors & Disciples

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY

BAND, with musicians from Muscatine, Scott and Cedar Counties, is coming to Tipton **June 23rd** and will be playing an evening concert, 7:30 p.m., on the Courthouse lawn.

First UMC has accepted this opportunity to provide refreshments to the community. If you would like to assist with the hosting and hospitality of this fun event give your name to the church office. Or, if your gift is baking, you can volunteer some cookies on the Sunday registration sheets.

JULY 4TH PARADE



One of the best [and least costly!!] means of inviting people to share in Jesus Christ is when 1st UMC has an entry in the 4th of July parade, this year to begin at 10:00 am on the 4th. Ride, walk, bike, skate, skateboard, whatever it takes to have a great time!! Plan to be part of it! More information provided on Sundays as the 4th approaches.



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.

July 14-17, Men's Walk
July 28-31, Women's Walk
October 20-23, Men's Walk
November 3-6, Women's Walk

UPDATE: LITTLE FRIENDS PRESCHOOL (LFP)

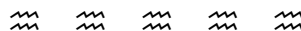


One year ago the LFP Transition Board of Kim Walter, Diane Wallick, Bob Young and Pastor Paul were engaged in writing policies suitable for DHS licensing, massaging job descriptions, creating marketing materials, registration materials and forms for medical emergencies, student transportation, snacks... What a difference a year makes!

We have over 16 families on a list of those "interested" or shopping for a 2016-2017 preschool. There is a chance we may expand to include a Pre-K class, likely holding it in the afternoons. Your LFP Board of Kim Walter, Jess Goodenow, Jennifer Hertert have led LFP through this year and are now looking at improvements to the programming, both the social adjustments and the school-ready tasks.

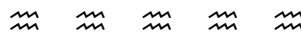
Over and over out and about in the community, and especially from the families that have had a LFP student this year, I hear statements of gratitude that LFP is here and in business. YOU need to feel pleased that you've made this community service, this ministry, possible... May God be praised through your faithfulness!

By the time you read this it is most likely that the year-end picnic has been held and, it is hoped, everyone had a good time and made some new friends, to-boot. After all, EVERY ONE OF US IS GOD'S LITTLE FRIEND!!



Be a PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER.

Little Friends Preschool, located at 1st United Methodist Church, 607 Lynn St.; Tipton 52772 is now accepting applications for a part-time teacher to begin Sept. 1, 2016. Academic work in the field of Early Childhood Development and/or Elementary Education preferred. Must have experience in a child care center or preschool. Accepted candidate will need to pass a complete background check. Inquiries & applications to: First United Methodist Church; 607 Lynn St.; Tipton IA 52772 563-886-2331 or pastor@tiptonumc.org.



*YOU are the owners, operators & location of
Little Friends Preschool.
and **Shared Blessings.***

*and you've been here 175 years—since 1841!
You ARE a **legacy** in this community.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 – Jenae Walter
- 2 – Barbara Smith, Jerod Timmerman, Tom & Mary Ehresman
- 3 – Nanette Behrens
- 4 – Kyle McKinney, Iris Shaull, Marge Waugh
- 5 – Abbigail Eicher, Steve Emrich, Jan & Gordon Esbeck
- 6 – Heather Streffling
- 7 – Landan Hill, Robert Johnston, Bob Rickard
- 8 – Donna Gault, Ron & Lois Salmonson
- 9 – Kandi Allison, Matthew Cartwright, Josh Eiler, Kimberly Regennitter, Merlyn & June Beckler, Kirk & Debbie Lieser
- 10 – Jolene Carpenter, Roger DeWulf, Brennan Esbeck, Frederick Smith, Jany & Roger DeWulf, Michelle & Garry O'Leary
- 11 – Teresa Esbeck, Lois Gardner, Ted Licht, Ronald & Dixie Martin,
- 12 – Darick Albaugh, Kenadi Krenz, Deb McKay, Kim Rekemeyer, Gage Schilling, Cheryl Stark, Bonnie & Bob Butler, Leon & Jolene Carpenter
- 13 – Amy Calonder, Alec Heil, Curtis Wendel
- 14 – Alexandria Hubler, Logan Smith, Adam & Amy Calonder, Glenda & Bob Holets
- 15 – Kiaya Rickard-Urban, Elizabeth Wright, Scott & Karen Anderson
- 16 – Ken Weaver, Chris & Christina Eicher
- 17 – Ronald Ahrens, Chad & Christy Schilling
- 18 – Michelle Ford, Ken Schmidt, Rick Shumaker
- 19 – June Beckler, Todd Griebel, Michael Griebel, Chris Keller
- 20 – Hanna Schmidt, Morgan Wendel
- 21 – Timothy Chambliss, Brooke Eichelberger
- 22 – Kim & Craig Rekemeyer
- 23 – Paul Frederiksen, Caroline Smith, Jan Wehde
- 24 – Sandy Brown, Lois Salmonson, Marlin Wiskus, Sean & Angela Driscoll
- 25 – Angie Keller, Benji Thomas
- 26 – Tiger Emrich, McKenna Gade, Trina Hill, Heidi & Rick Shumaker
- 27 – Drew Butler, Diane Eaton, Betty Kline, Amanda Schmidt, Kallie Wallick
- 28 – Brody Marchik, Steve & Vicki Daniel, Michelle & Brandon Ford
- 29 – Mona Johnson, Emmett Steinman
- 30 – Nate Shaull

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

Presence & Gifts from April

Worship Attendance: 3–120, 10–138, 17–108, 24–107; Average: 118

Sunday School Attendance: 3–80, 10–83, 17–66, 24–77; Average: 77

General Fund: 12,754.00, Upper Room 3.01, Apportionments 120.00, Leaving A Legacy 7,950.00, GIG Books 10.00, Shared Blessings 3.00, L.F. Preschool Salary 886.32, Missions 75.00, Copper Kettle 183.42, Mission Work Trip 50.00, Easter Pool 90.00, UMCOR 10.00, BUS 300.00; **Grand Total 22,434.75**

Prayers

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Jim Thiele @ Allen in Waterloo (L.Salmonson's bro)

Healing: Allan Charette, Jerry Ferguson, Frances For, Marvin Ford, Donna Gault, Arlene Hein, Dale Hein, Linda Huff, Rex Idlewine, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Kate Shaull is now at Cedar Manor
May God's peace be with the family & friends of Jim Shontz, who died May 16.

Marriage blessings to Nicole(Royer) & Chris Paul, married May 7, 2016.

Lucas Cole Houstman born 5/11/16, to Kevin and Elizabeth, joins big bro Ethan

Aaron/Jennifer Comstock family & the myriad decisions in this 'wilderness.'

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, Linda (Kay Miller's sis), Dan Conrad, Rod Ferris

Hospice/Palliative Care: Mabel Lamp

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul (Nicole Royer's husband), Kaitlyn McKinney (So.Carolina @ Coast Guard station)

There is still much opportunity to serve in June! Contact the office to get on the schedule.

Liturgists Twyla Hein - Coordinator

5 – Kris Clark
12 –
19 – Murry Mente
26 – Bob Young

Power Point Becky Young - Coordinator

5 – Brian Heil
12 – Ryan Stonebraker
19 – Renee Mente (create), Alec Heil (run)
26 – Becky Young (create)

Fellowship Coffee Barb R. & Dixie M.-Coordinator

5 – Eldon & JoAnn Beers, Alice Ann Gallagher
12 – Leanne Boots, Sandy Childs
19 – Murry & Renee Mente, Nancy Burroughs
26 – Ted & Deanna Licht, Peg Adams

Greeters Becky Young - Coordinator

5 – Ruel & Jan Wehde
12 – Judy Ohrt and JoAnn Brennan
19 –
26 – Dee Wallace and JoAnn Beers

Nursery Office - Coordinator

5 – O'Leary Family
12 – Zoe Stonebraker
19 – Kris Clark
26 – Denise Cartwright

Children's Lesson Office - Coordinator

5 –
12 – Melinda Stonebraker
19 – Pastor Paul
26 –

Ushers Melinda Stonebraker - Coordinator

5 –
12 –
19 – Heil Family
26 – Stonebraker Family

Acolytes Kim Walter - Coordinator

Acolytes through the summer will not be assigned. If you have been trained and are going into grades 3 – 7 you may come to the back of the worship center any day you are here to express your interest in being the acolyte for that service. Obviously there's only room for two!

June 26 worship will consist of a HYMN-SING with a twist! We want you all, or at least the first 12 next 11 people to respond, to name a hymn that you'd like to use in worship that Sunday. It must be in the current UM Hymnal or The Faith We Sing or be an "old hymn"; and you are to look up the history of that hymn and plan to share, in some way, it's origin, history, the setting of its writing, whatever; and/or inform the congregation why it is meaningful TO **YOU**. Yes, you may write those things down and ask someone else to read them; or you may project these responses. But remember, we'll use only the first 12 respondents. (You're too late to be #1!) OH, you only get one hymn per person, too.

Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Chaos will be providing music the second Sunday of each month. Chancel Choir will sing the 3rd Sundays. It is preferred to have "special" Acts of Praise every Sunday. Get out there and start asking people to be a blessing!

June 5

Annual Conference Sunday

Mike Herring will be with us to present the work of God in Liberia. (Mike suggests we read the brief history of Liberia, included with this newsletter.)

Music:

Keyboards

June 12

Momodu Kamara is founder of "Books without Borders," and is the point-person to create a theological library in Sierra Leone. Native of that country, he comes to us from Cedar Rapids where he worships at Salem UMC. (Same church as Nathan Houstman & Orrin & Marilyn Ward.)

Music:

Christian Chaos

June 19

Baptisms, Membership

Music:

Chancel Choir and Friends

June 26

Hymns: Stories and Singing
"Special Music" is a vocal trio.



June Calendar

Wednesday, June 1

1:00 pm GIG
6:00 pm GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, June 2

10:00 am GIG
10:00 am LFP Board

Friday, June 3

Annual Conference

Saturday, June 4

Annual Conference

Sunday, June 5

Annual Conference
9:30 am Worship with Mike
Herring

Monday, June 6

Annual Conference
6:30 pm Creative Worship
6:45 pm Missions Meeting

Tuesday, June 7

3:30 pm Neighbors & Disciples
Meeting

Wednesday, June 8

1:00 pm GIG
1:30 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, June 9

Pastor on Vacation
9:30 am Communion @ Cedar
Manor
10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Friday, June 10

Pastor on Vacation

Saturday, June 11

Pastor on Vacation
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Shared
Blessings Meal

Sunday, June 12

Pastor on Vacation
9:30 am Worship with Momodu
Kamara preaching
6:00 pm Dominoes

Monday, June 13

Pastor on Vacation

Tuesday, June 14

2:00 pm Prairie Hills Program

Wednesday, June 15

1:00 pm GIG
6:00 pm GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, June 16

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Trustees

Sunday, June 19

9:30 am Worship, Baptism &
Membership
10:45 am Farewell Brunch

Monday, June 20

4:30 pm Grief Group

Wednesday, June 22

Newsletter Articles Due
1:00 pm GIG
1:30 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, June 23

10:00 am GIG
7:30 pm Tri-County Community
Band Concert/Courthouse

Saturday, June 25

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Shared
Blessings

Sunday, June 26

9:30 am Worship

Wednesday, June 29

8:00 am Meeting of the Holy
Folders
1:00 pm GIG
6:00 pm GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, June 30

10:00 am GIG

Attending Annual Conference
June 3-6 are Karen Streffling as
your Lay Member; Jane Moen,
a member of the Conference
Board of Ordained Ministry,
goes as an equalization
member; and Pastor Paul
goes—it's required - as clergy.



Pastor Paul and Jane will be
attending a gathering of his
family June 9-13 and if possible
take some other vacation days.
On-call pastors can be
accessed by calling the church
office during hours or, at other
times, Melinda Stonebraker @
889-0468 or Lay Leaders Kathy
Houstman or Bob Cummins.

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Accompanist - Sylvia Gould	Custodian - Don Griffith
Chancel Choir Director - Alice Ann Gallagher	Christian Chaos Keyboards - Jamie Bahr
Choir Kids Accompanist - Dee Wallace	Choir Kids/Christian Chaos Director - Denise Cartwright
Little Friends Preschool Director - Sam Semotan	
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East Central District Superintendent - Kiboko Kiboko	
East Central Iowa District Field Outreach Minister - Jill Sanders	
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