

The Light of the World

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5: 14-16

As Pastor Scott from Peace Church in Bennett and I began discussing virtual mission camp, we both wanted to focus on a scripture that all the children and youth would be living. We ended up with the words Jesus told us about being the light of the world and shining that light before others. These words exemplify what it is to live out the gospel, and what it is to witness our love of Jesus to others.

There are many thoughts that come to mind when we think of lights. We might think of streetlights, stoplights, the light on a doorbell, a flashlight, or maybe even natural lights like the sun and the moon and the stars. Lights are all around us. They surround us and can bring us comfort when we need guidance. Light can bring us peace when we are afraid. One of the essential purposes of light is to provide for us.

In the book of John, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." In Jesus' statement, we come to bear witness to him when we witness the provision of the light. But, Jesus doesn't stop there. He goes on to share this light with us with his words, "You are the light of the world." And so, it is passed on to us to continue sharing the light of the world to all. We do this in our words and in our actions – being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to others.

Virtual Mission Camp exists to live out what it is to be the light of the Lord. Watching these children and youth participate in serving others all over the world is beautiful. But, it cannot be contained to a week's work, and it cannot be contained to our children and youth. Their work should inspire each of us to think about how we might be the

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New Member Welcome Meeting

If you are wondering what it is to be a member of First UCC Tipton, please consider attending a new member welcome meeting on Sunday, August 9, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall (or virtually on Zoom). This orientation will consist of ways in which you can participate in the life of the church as well as what it is to be a member. Please prayerfully consider this and call the office if you would like to attend or if you need the Zoom code, 563-886-6361. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Kerri – 319-541-5912 or pastor@firstuccipton.org.



Elaine & Bob Butterbrodt



Kevin & Deb Eilbeck

Mission Camp 2020

On the week of July 27 through July 31, 44 kindergarten through 12th graders from First UCC and Peace Church teamed up for a Virtual Mission Camp. After picking up their materials on Sunday, July 26, each participant watched a daily video explaining the project-of-the-day and offering words of encouragement and prayer. The mission projects were as follows:

Monday – Sole Hope – Patterns for shoes were cut out to help children in Uganda.

Tuesday – Blessing Bags – Bags of materials were put together along with a note of encouragement for those experiencing homelessness; these will be delivered to Humility of Mary.



Mission bags ready to hand out on Sunday, July 26.

Worship in August

Worship in August will be held outside, weather permitting. If weather is not appropriate then worship will be held in the sanctuary with safety protocols.

Worship locations @ 10:00a.m.:

- August 2 – Cedar Manor Patio
- August 9 – Tipton City Park, North Shelter
- August 16 – Red Oak Park - Donuts and juice will be provided
- August 23 – Tipton City Park, North Shelter
- August 30 – Tipton City Park, North Shelter

Remember to bring lawnchairs/blanket and bottle of water.

Wednesday – Hope Rocks – Words and pictures were painted onto rocks and then placed throughout the community to provide hope.

Thursday – Bags of Hope – Toiletry bags of essentials along with a cards of hope and strength were created for those experiencing necessary life transitions.

The children and youth also had an online meet-up on Tuesday and Thursday to share what it was to be the light of Jesus Christ for many.

Friday was a celebration when the participants turned in their projects. For their dedication, they received dinner for the entire family and a night of fun! Please continue to pray for the 47 children and youth who are living out what it is to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Deacon's Report

We've reached the halfway point of 2020 which makes it easy to do a financial checkup since most of our expenses and revenues should be approximately 50% of the projected annual budget. In the table below, the year-to-date (YTD) numbers are actual income or expenses for January through June 2020. The year end projection numbers assume the income and expenses for the last six months of 2020 will be the same as the first six months of 2020. We are confident the \$16,123 SBA PPP loan we received will be converted to a grant and it has been included as unbudgeted income in the table.

	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>year end projection</u>
Donation	\$102,520	\$ 47,159	46%	\$ 84,318
Total Income	\$115,445	\$ 48,668	42%	\$ 97,336
Expenses	\$144,272	\$ 68,984	48%	\$137,968
Deficit	\$ 29,282	\$ 20,316	69%	\$ 40,632
SBA PPP loan/grant	not included	\$ 16,123	not included	\$ 16,123
Deficit including SBA grant	not included	\$ 4,193	not included	\$ 24,509

Year-to-date, both income and expenses are tracking lower than projected with expenses closer to the 50% benchmark than income. For a year end projected deficit to be eliminated, in the second half of 2020, our income needs to increase.

Rusty Schroeder shared some information for thought at our July Deacon's meeting. In 2010, our minister's salary expense was \$42,815. When life, disability and health insurance premiums, pension and social security offset were added, our minister's total compensation expense totaled \$62,272. Our pledged donations totaled \$73,112 and total donations were \$105,224. Ten years later, in 2020, our minister's salary will be \$43,500. Adding the costs for insurance premiums, pension and social security offset brings the projected minister's total compensation expense to \$63,932. Our 2020 pledged donations are \$52,813 and anticipated total donations are \$97,500.

Your Deacons - Rusty Schroeder, Bill Schwitzer, Ron Challis, Marcia Meyers, Mary Clark

HACAP Mobile Food Pantry

In response to the recent spread of COVID-19, HACAP is making the following changes to their mobile pantry distribution.

Distribution will be pre-boxed food rather than setting up tables for clients to "shop".

Clients will be asked to wait in their vehicles and drive thru for pick up. If clients do not have cars, do not form a line, rather spread out as much as possible. One person at a time will be called up to receive their pre-boxed items.

Aug 7 3:30-4:30p Tipton UMC
 Aug 11 3:30-4:30p Bennett Ambulance Bldg
 Aug 18 3:30-4:30p West Branch Fire Dept

Church Picnic

The Outreach Committee is planning a church picnic on Sunday, August 30, after worship at the Tipton City Park, North Shelter. This will be different from previous church picnics to ensure safety. Details will be forthcoming.

Food Pantry

August 15

The community food pantry is hosted by Calvary Foursquare Church on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00-10:00a. Anyone in need of food is welcome to get a food box. Drive Through pick up will be available until further notice.

Shared Blessings Meal @ UMC

August 8 & 22

Shared Blessings is hosting "grab and go" meals on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month at 11:00a-12:00p.

Blood Drive

Monday, Sept. 14

1:00-7:00 a.m.

**Sign up by calling Mississippi Valley
 Regional Blood Center (563) 359-5401
 or (800) 747-5401.**

Sponsored by Rotary Club.

Members in Care Facilities

Remember our members in care facilities by sending them a note encouraging them during this time of quarantine.

Cedar Manor, 1200 Mulberry St, Tipton IA 52772

- Millie Eiler
- Ina Hack
- Edith Steffen
- Emogene Stiff
- Gwen Thien

Prairie Hills, 219 S Cedar St, Tipton IA 52772

- Mary Casterline
- Joyce Hakeman
- Roberta Parks
- Delores Rohlf
- Bernice Schluter

Betty Ann Miller, Clarence Assisted Living,
 408 2nd Ave, Clarence IA 52216

Gene Morrow, Windmill Manor, 2332 Liberty
 Dr, Coralville IA 52241

Beth Looker, Highland Ridge, 100 Village
 View Cir Apt 59, Williamsburg IA 52361

Dot Schulz, PO Box 347, Sheffield IA 50475

Jenny Morrow, Zearing Health Care Center,
 404 E Garfield St, Zearing, IA 50278

Mary Circle

Mary Circle is suspended until further notice.

General Fund

June

Beginning Balance 6/1/20..... \$4,024.69
 Income..... \$6,365.11
 Expenses..... \$9,760.87

Year-to-Date (YTD)

Beginning Balance 1/1/20..... \$4,822.18
 Income Year-to-Date..... \$64,791.17
 Expenses Year-to-Date..... \$68,984.42
 Ending Balance 6/30/20 \$628.93

Building Maintenance - YTD

Beginning Balance 1/1/20.... \$24,185.25
 Income Year-to-Date..... \$2,593.50
 Expenses Year-to-Date..... \$18,948.64
 Ending Balance 6/30/20 \$7,830.11

Thank You!

Thank you to the many people who helped make kits for mission camp! Your selflessness is inspiring and is a reminder of what it is to be the church. God bless you!

Thank you to all who have helped with July worship services. Thank you for making a Kingdom difference!

Thank you Shirley Pinegar, Alice Whitlatch, and Dean Eilers for assembling the July newsletter!

Thank you to all who covered office hours and janitorial duties while Janet was on vacation!

Dear UCC, I really appreciate you thinking about me, especially when there is already so much to worry about in the world. The keychain you sent me (for graduation) is very nice and I have already put it to use. I will be furthering my education at ISU in just a few short months & I am excited for the journey. Austin Mente

United Church of Christ - We're so grateful to enjoy your services virtually. Thank you for providing our residents with the word of God, even when we can't meet in person. Your friends at Prairie Hills

Technology Committee

We need your talents! Do you enjoy technology? We would love to create a technology committee. This group would assess the technology needs and then formulate a plan to ensure that services are recorded and posted to our website and to YouTube. Please send an email to Pastor Kerri at pastor@firststucctipton.org if you might be willing to join, or if you have questions about this committee.

Family Foods UPC Symbols

Cut and store up the UPC symbols off Family Foods brand food items (including bread) and bring them to the church once we reconvene. These will be used for the Bread of Life Food Pantry located at the Calvary Foursquare. The Food Pantry receives \$0.05 per label to purchase food for the Food Pantry.

Online Worship

We will continue to Livestream all worship services each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on Facebook Live. With services being held outside, we're not able to livestream on the church's website - www.firststucctipton.org. Following worship, it'll be posted to the website and YouTube. They will also be available throughout the week on the website. Come worship with us!

Bible Study

What is Jesus saying to me? How does my life mesh with the teachings of Jesus Christ? At 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August, 4, we will be having our last session in which we will be looking at the Parable of the Lost Son. You are welcome to join live or on Zoom. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call the office or Pastor Kerri.

Our next Bible study session will be September 15 - October 13 and will cover the book of Esther. Plan to join in the discussion.

Sunday School Meet-Up

Our Zoom Sunday School Meet-Up will be on Wednesday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m. We will have a time of sharing, a Bible story, a game, and lots of laughs! If you would like the code, please let the office or Pastor Kerri know - office@firststucctipton.org or pastor@firststucctipton.org.

Visitation Ministry

The Visitation Team is a ministry of First UCC that is focused on connecting with the congregation. Ann Miller, Marcia Meyers, Nancy Hipple, and Alice Whitlatch are all serving in this renewed ministry. The team will reach out, check in, and assess any needs congregants may have. This is an additional outreach to people along with the pastoral visits that are made. Connecting to one another is one of the greatest gifts God gives us! If you would like to join in this ministry, please contact the church office or Pastor Kerri.

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light of Jesus for someone. How might that look using the talents we have been given? Perhaps it is a phone call, a letter, or a card to connect with someone. Maybe it is delivering a meal to someone's doorstep. There are many opportunities to serve one another; we need to be inventive and creative in this endeavor.

This is a unique time in which the Church is truly the Church - a group of people continuing to pray for one another and care for one another. Let's let our light shine! Being the light of Jesus Christ in the things that we do - from the mundane to the outrageous. There are 47 children and youth that are experiencing what it is to be the light this week. Let us pray that we all might continue to be the light each and every day to all of creation.

PASTOR KERRI

Supporting First UCC

There are many ways to continue giving and supporting the ministries of First UCC .

1. Go to the website at firststucctipton.org and click on the "Online Offering" on the left side of the page. You can set up a one-time or recurring donation.
2. Mail your checks to First UCC Tipton, 600 Mulberry St., Tipton, IA 52772.
3. Call the office to set up your account for automatic withdrawal.

Thank you for your contributions!

Youth Gathering

On August 26, we will have a youth gathering in the church yard from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. ALL 5th through 12th graders are invited! This will give us a chance to connect, talk about the new school year, and of course, have some fun - all while maintaining social distancing. You won't want to miss this "soft start" before we begin our weekly gatherings in mid-September. See you there!

Office Hours:

Janet's office hours:
Mon, Wed, Thurs 10a-5p, Fri 10a-1p.

Pastor Kerri works in the office,
Tues-Fri 8a-5p and is always available
on her cell phone: 319-541-5912.
Call if you have any questions or concerns.

August

Sun, Aug 2	10:00a	Worship & Communion at Cedar Manor & Online
	11:30a	Outreach Committee Meeting
Tue, Aug 4	10:00a	Bible Study In-Person & Online
	6:30p	Bible Study In-Person & Online
Wed, Aug 5	6:30p	Sunday School Meet-Up Online
Thu, Aug 6	7:00p	Trustees Meeting
	8:00p	AA
Sat, Aug 8	11:00a	Shared Blessings @ Methodist
Sun, Aug 9	10:00a	Worship at North Shelter, Tipton City Park & Online
	11:30a	New Member Welcome Meeting
Wed, Aug 12	6:30p	Deacon's Meeting
	7:00p	Church Council Meeting
Thu, Aug 13	8:00p	AA
Sat, Aug 15	9:00a	Food Pantry @ Foursquare
Sun, Aug 16	10:00a	Worship at Red Oak Park & Online
		Donuts & Juice will be available
Mon, Aug 17		Grapevine Newsletter Articles Due
Wed, Aug 19	6:00p	Christian Education Meeting
Thu, Aug 20	8:00p	AA
Sat, Aug 22	11:00a	Shared Blessings @ Methodist
	3:00p	Vow Renewal
Sun, Aug 23	10:00a	Worship at North Shelter, Tipton City Park & Online
Wed, Aug 26	6:30p	Youth Gathering, Church Yard
Thu, Aug 27	8:00p	AA
Sat, Aug 29	11:00a	Shared Blessings @ Methodist
Sun, Aug 30	10:00a	Worship at North Shelter, Tipton City Park & Online
	11:00a	Church Picnic, Tipton City Park

LITURGISTS

Aug 2	Barb Cary
Aug 9	Hobert Flory
Aug 16	Jared Gehrs
Aug 23	Tiffany Meinert
Aug 30	Whitney Gehrs

FLOWERS: None

GREETERS: Aaron & Katie Kelly
Alice Whitlatch

USHERS: Sue Hall, Bryon Arensdorf, David Swan
Bob Butterbrodt, Kathy Sparrow

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION:

Special Communion Kits will be available on August 2. If watching from home, have a piece of bread/cracker and juice/water available to participate.

Stan Hack, Sheryl Gregory,
Sharon Hodgden, David Swan

DEACONS COUNTING OFFERING:

Rusty Schroeder, Ron Challis

ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Aug 3</i>	Joshua & Cris Meier
<i>Aug 5</i>	Jeff & Kathy Meyer
<i>Aug 8</i>	Hobert & Terry Flory Amy & Jim Yaukovitz
<i>Aug 9</i>	Phil & Sue Hall
<i>Aug 10</i>	John Mathias & Joe Reilly
<i>Aug 11</i>	Mary & Steve Brown
<i>Aug 12</i>	Kathy & Rick Sparrow
<i>Aug 14</i>	Maury & Jan Krob
<i>Aug 15</i>	Terry & Kim Mentel
<i>Aug 16</i>	Ryan & Stephanie Meyer
<i>Aug 19</i>	Marilyn & Denny Carney
<i>Aug 21</i>	Bill & Shirley Pinegar
<i>Aug 24</i>	Teresa & Jake Bohlmann
<i>Aug 25</i>	Todd & Amy Mentel

We apologize if we inadvertently missed your birthday or anniversary. Please call the church office to have it added to the list.

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BIRTHDAYS

<i>Aug 2</i>	Caleb Bohlmann	<i>Aug 17</i>	Melissa Anderson
<i>Aug 3</i>	Nicole Amberson	<i>Aug 18</i>	Danika Pratt
	Chad Jones		Linda Jacobsen
<i>Aug 5</i>	Miles Christian	<i>Aug 19</i>	Alicia Cady
	Zach Doermann		Emily Meyer
	Jozellyn Heil	<i>Aug 20</i>	Roman Byrd
	Eric Lamp	<i>Aug 21</i>	Julie Horman
	Avery Mentel	<i>Aug 22</i>	Katelyn Arensdorf
	Lynne Pinegar		Sheryl Gregory
<i>Aug 6</i>	Susie Gillespie	<i>Aug 23</i>	Taylor Beyer
	Sean Paustian	<i>Aug 24</i>	Bruce Cary
	David Young		Hannah Hodges
<i>Aug 7</i>	Debbie Avey	<i>Aug 26</i>	Quincy Niles
	Clay Kelly		Bonnie Deerberg
	Mark Mentel	<i>Aug 27</i>	Jeff Meyer
<i>Aug 8</i>	Brendan Nantz	<i>Aug 28</i>	Pam Freet
<i>Aug 11</i>	Mindy Hodgden		Darren Lenz
<i>Aug 13</i>	Wayne Deerberg	<i>Aug 29</i>	Andrew Shumaker
	Kellsey Forest		Dennis Hodgden
<i>Aug 14</i>	Addilynn Lemburg	<i>Aug 31</i>	Blair Freet
	Alyssa Armstrong		Slater Griebat
<i>Aug 15</i>	Ryan Yaukovitz		
<i>Aug 16</i>	Ann Miller		
	Burt Thumm		



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Pastoral Visit: If you are in the hospital or wish to have a pastoral visit, please contact the church office (563-886-6361) to arrange a visit with Pastor Kerri Sandusky.

Prayers: If you wish to be prayed for, call the office (563-886-6361) or Evelyn Sterner (563-886-1278) to be added to the prayer list. You may also fill out the form on the "Prayer Requests" page of the website (www.firstucctipton.org). If you would like to pray for those in need, let the office know and we'll add you to the Prayer Circle.

Did you know? If you use Bill Pay through your bank, then you can set up your giving as a recurring bill and never worry about forgetting to give to your church.

Council Minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside of the secretary's office.

To keep current with all of **First UCC happenings**, check the calendar on our website page at www.firstucctipton.org.

Remember to **update the church** when your phone number or address changes or when there's a birth in your family.

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