

July

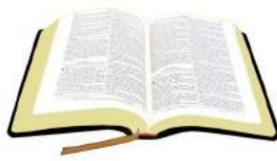
Sat., July 3	6:30 p.m.	Worship with Communion in church Sanctuary & Online followed by Saturday Sundaes
Sun., July 4	11:00 a.m.	Float in 4th of July Parade
July 5-9		Janet on vacation
Mon., July 5	8:00 a.m.	Mission Camp
Tue., July 6	8:00 a.m.	Mission Camp
	2:00 p.m.	Worship at Prairie Hills
Wed., July 7	8:00 a.m.	Mission Camp
	6:00 p.m.	CC Bicycle Coalition Meeting
Thu., July 8	8:00 a.m.	Mission Camp
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Fri., July 9	8:00 a.m.	Mission Camp
Sat., July 10	11:00 a.m.	Shared Blessings @ Methodist Church
Sun., July 11	10:00 a.m.	Worship @ Tipton City Park & Online
	6:30 p.m.	Take a Walk on the Track
Wed., July 14	6:00 p.m.	CC Bicycle Coalition Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Deacon's Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Elder's Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Sat., July 17	9:00 a.m.	Food Pantry @ Foursquare
Sun., July 18	10:00 a.m.	Worship @ Tipton City Park & Online
	6:30 p.m.	Take a Walk on the Track
July 18-24		Pastor Kerri on vacation
Mon., July 19		Grapevine Newsletter Articles Due
Wed., July 21	6:00 p.m.	CC Bicycle Coalition Meeting
Sat., July 24	11:00 a.m.	Shared Blessings @ Methodist Church
Sun., July 25	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Church Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	VBS @ Foursquare Church
	6:30 p.m.	Take a Walk on the Track
Mon., July 26	6:00 p.m.	VBS @ Foursquare Church
Tue., July 27	6:00 p.m.	VBS @ Foursquare Church
Wed., July 28	9:00 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Executive Board Mtg
	6:00 p.m.	CC Bicycle Coalition Meeting
Sat., July 31	11:00 a.m.	Shared Blessings @ Methodist Church



(Front row): Teresa King, Courtney Schwitzer, Renee Mente, Ann Miller, Jenny King, (Back row): Darren Miller, Scott Pratt, Stan Hack, Brian King, Murry Mente, Jeff King, Jerry Meier, Steve Garlick

LITURGISTS

July 3 Darren Miller
 July 11 Barb Cary
 July 18 Barb Cary
 July 25 Susan Lorenzen



FLOWERS: Pam Freet, Susan Lorenzen

GREETERS: Barb Conrad, Kathy Sparrow

JULY USHERS:

July 3 Bill Schwitzer
 July 11 Larry Hansen, Will Hansen
 July 18 Larry Hansen, Will Hansen
 June 25 Larry Hansen, Will Hansen

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION:

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

July 3 1) Stan Hack 2) Darren Miller
 3) To be determined 4) Nancy Hipple

DEACONS COUNTING OFFERING:

Mary Clark, Marcia Meyers

AFTER-SERVICE TREATS

Suspended until further notice

Greg Hipple
 Council President
 (319) 430-6664

Office Hours

Janet's office hours:
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.;
 Friday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Pastor Kerri is around the office
 Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 and is always available on her cell phone: 319-541-5912
 Call if you have any questions or concerns.

Down Memory Lane

For several years in the early 2000's, the church had a softball team called "First UCC Heavenly Hitters".

The picture is from August 2002. Members of the team were: Darren & Ann Miller, Brian & Jenny King, Pastor David & Susan Lorenzen, Stan Hack, Jerry Meier, Todd Miller, Julie Deutmeyer, Penny Jensen, Scott Pratt, Megan Mathias, Stacy Irons, Aaron & Katie Kelly, Courtney Schwitzer, Renee & Murry Mente, Steve Garlick, Jeff Meyer, and Jeff & Teresa King. All members are not pictured.

Grapevine

July 2021

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Mission Week

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
 Matthew 20:28

Why do we call it "Mission Week"? The focus of the week is to carry out a mission or a specific task. In our case, the task is to be the hands and feet of Jesus in any way we are able. Whether it was healing, praying, or teaching, Jesus' main focus was to care for others. When we work to be more like Jesus, service must become our focus as well. The youth have an amazing opportunity during the week of July 5 - 9 to serve in a myriad of ways. Each day, the youth will gather at the church for prayer. Then, we will head to our mission site to serve. After we are finished serving, we will return to the church for lunch prepared by Women's Fellowship and a short discussion.

On Monday, the youth will be serving at Humility Homes and Services in Davenport. This organization helps those who are experiencing homelessness with food, shelter, and resources.

Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA) will be our mission site for Tuesday. MCSA provides housing, basic health care, educational, and support services for those in need in Muscatine County. Our work there will be in their food pantry.

HACAP is an organization which helps people through food distribution, mental health services

and other resources. Most of us know HACAP through the mobile pantry that comes through Tipton each month. Our work on Wednesday with HACAP will include sorting food and loading boxes and/or backpacks.

Thursday we will serve here in Tipton with the Parks and Rec program. We are very thankful that we are able to hold Sunday worship in the beautiful park. Mission Week gives us an opportunity to give back and help maintain the park, however we can. You may even be able to witness some of our good work!

The celebration/work day will take place on Friday here at First UCC - a mission site that is most important to us! This mission site is where we come together, to be fed, to give, and to receive. We will be beautifying the church property in many ways and celebrating a great week at the same time.

Mission week will introduce serving to our youth in a new way. Please be in prayer for all that they are doing, the adults that are chaperoning, the travel involved, and that more than anything: the love of Christ will be lived! These opportunities will become more and more available throughout the next year to all ages. What a great way to share God's love together!

Blessings,
 Pastor Kerri

July 3 Worship

Don't forget that on Saturday, July 3, our worship service will be in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. The service will still be livestreamed. After the service we will have "Saturday Sundaes." Bring a sundae topping to share and we will enjoy some "sweet" fellowship time after we worship together.

Then, on Sunday morning we will enjoy the parade and all the July 4th activities. (No worship at church on July 4.)

July 4 Float

The First UCC will have a float for the 4th of July parade. The theme is "Working Together" to honor everyone who helped this past year to share love.

If you are in the health field, please plan to ride on the float.

We need lots of people to help hold signs and throw out candy as well.

Meet at 10:00 a.m. somewhere along 4th Street east of Meridian Street if you want to participate.

Outdoor Worship

Outdoor worship will occur at the Tipton City Park on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at the North Shelter (west of the pool). Bring your lawn chair.

In inclement weather, worship will be in the church. If inside, masks are encouraged, but not required. Also, please maintain social distance from one another.

Worship will also be livestreamed on Facebook. After worship, it will be posted to YouTube and the website.

Join Our Team!

Have you ever considered becoming a “Prayer Warrior”? If so, join our team!

We have three active prayer circles. We hope to add to our chain and hopefully, in the future, add another circle.

Some of you may know how the prayer circle works. Each week the church office brings me up-to-date with those who would like prayers. I call the first person on each circle with the prayer requests. That person calls the next, and the last person on the chain calls me to let me know the circle is complete.

It is a great ministry, and if you would like to be on one of the circles and be a Prayer Warrior, call the church office at 563-886-6361, or if you have questions, call me personally at 563-886-6948.

Shirley Pinegar
Prayer Circle Coordinator

St. Paul’s Music Sunday and Ice Cream Social

On July 11 at 3:00 p.m., St. Paul’s UCC in Wheatland is hosting a summer music concert.

If you would like to join the choir please come to practice on June 27 at 1:00 p.m. and July 7 at 7:00 p.m. or call 563-374-1511 for more info!

If you aren’t a singer or would like to just listen, please come fill the pews at St. Paul’s up and listen to the beautiful music, enjoy some ice cream, and socialize with friends old and new!

This is a free-will donation event with all proceeds going to the foodbank!

Egg Cartons

If you have clean egg cartons, please donate them to the church rather than throwing them out. Thank you for your help with this ongoing mission.

Take A Walk

Don’t forget to meet up at the Tipton City Park on Sundays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. to “Take a Walk.” You can walk, skip, run, frolic, or even just sit in your lawn chair to enjoy the weather. This is a great time to get together, visit, and exercise. **There will NOT be “Take A Walk” on July 4.**

After Worship Coffee & Cookies, Greeters, Flowers

Women’s Fellowship is working on the next schedule for After Worship Coffee and Cookies, Sunday Greeters, and providing flowers for worship. This schedule runs from September 2021 to May 2022. If you would like your name added or deleted from participating in any of these activities or if you have a date in mind that you’d like to serve, contact the office by July 30 @ 563-886-6361 or office@firstucctipton.org.

In Sympathy

Richard Lee Tenley

Born: May 16, 1937

Died: May 26, 2021

Family Members of First UCC:
Mary & Jim Clark

Donald Rekemeyer

Born: March 31, 1928

Died: June 10, 2021

Family Members of First UCC:
Lois Moon

Diaper Drive

Thank you for your support in the donations of diapers and wipes for the parents in our community. This ministry has been extremely valuable as many of these diapers leave the building as fast as they are received. Because of the need, we will continue this collection indefinitely. Thank you!

VBS

FREE COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at Calvary Foursquare (1100 Hwy 38N) on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday: July 25th - July 27th from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

All kids from kindergarten through 6th grade (SY 2021-22) are invited. 5:30-6:00 p.m. - Dinner will be served.

Sunday - Walking Tacos & Brownies (Provided by First UCC)

Monday - Hot Dogs, Chips & Cookies (Provided by First UMC)

Tuesday - Pizza & dessert (Provided by Trinity Lutheran)

6:00-8:00 p.m. – Bible lessons, crafts, songs, and games beginning in the sanctuary

Registration Forms are available on the website, digital newsletter or in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the church.

Mobile Food Pantry

HACAP hands out food from their mobile food pantry truck.

TIPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
July 2 3:30-4:30p

BENNETT AMBULANCE BUILDING
July 13 3:30-4:30p

WEST BRANCH FIRE DEPT.
July 20 3:30-4:30p

General Fund

May

Beginning Balance 5/1/21\$10,861.12
Income\$8,573.91
Expenses\$10,238.32

Year-to-Date (YTD)

Beginning Balance 1/1/21\$8,895.48
Income Year-to-Date\$56,496.39
Expenses Year-to-Date\$56,195.16
Ending Balance 5/31/21\$9,196.71

Building Maintenance (YTD)

Beginning Balance 1/1/21\$12,873.51
Income Year-to-Date\$50,825.56
Expenses Year-to-Date\$3,575.28
Ending Balance 5/31/21\$56,823.79

Thank You

Thanks so much for your support while Lanie was in the hospital. Your prayers and caring thoughts were felt and such a blessing to her. Love, Megan, Dustin, and Lanie Mason

Thank you Deb Schwitzer and all who came together to honor our veterans during May 30 worship!

Thank you Addilynn & Harper Lemburg for wiping tables and counters and reworking and updating bulletin boards! You both were a great help and did a fantastic job!

Thank you Ken and Carolyn Herring for providing coffee and treats during worship in the park!

Thank you Deb Schwitzer for handing out food on June 10 and taping posters together!

Thank you Sharon Hodgden, Jessica & Peyton Gaertner, and Jennifer Hodgden for the donation of Pop Tarts!

Thank you Susan Lorenzen, Jayana & Brooks Bower for tidying up the kiosk, putting out the worship bags, and handing out food on June 10!

Thank you Alice Whitlatch, Peg McElderry, Susan Lorenzen, and Shirley Pinegar for collating, folding, and assembling the June newsletter!

Thank you to everyone who helped clean the sanctuary!

Thank you Jeff Meier for helping mop the floors!

Thank you Larry Hodgden for handing out food on June 11.

Thank you to those who washed the Fireside Room windows!

Thank you to the church council for all you have done this past year and a half. Your thoughtful and prayerful leadership has served to keep our congregation safe, and yet find a way to be together through all of the various stages of the pandemic. The congregation appreciates you and thanks you for your many gifts! John Mathias

Thank you to Sharon Hodgden, Ron Challis, Jennie Handbury, Ann Miller, and the Youth for all their help with Game Night!

Women’s Fellowship would like to thank all of our members and friends for the generous contributions in the Praise Offering. We received \$1,035 so far and donations are still coming in.

We use the money for expenses and missions. We supply the church kitchen with supplies and church library with books. Our mission support goes beyond the church. We give to Pilgrim Heights Church Camp, Cedar Co. Volunteer Services, Cedar Manor Bingo, Retired Pastors Assistance Fund, Domestic Violence Intervention Program in Cedar County, Back Pack Buddies, camps, and Lunch in the Park.

We really appreciate all of your support of our projects and activities.

Renee Hansen
Women’s Fellowship Chair

Members in Care Facilities

Remember our members in care facilities by sending them a note of encouragement.

Cedar Manor
1200 Mulberry St
Tipton, IA 52772

Millie Eiler
Betty Emrich
Ina Hack
Edith Steffen
Emogene Stiff
Gwen Thien

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

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

Prairie Hills
219 S Cedar St
Tipton, IA 52772

Mary Casterline
Joyce Hakeman
Delores Rohlf

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

Anniversaries

July 1
Amy & Roger Graham

July 2
Roger & Laurie Hakeman

July 7
Larry & Renee Hansen

July 8
Darren & Lisa Lenz

July 11
Taylor & Stewart Beyer

July 13
Bill & Pat Barglof

July 16
Craig & Lynn Emrich

July 19
Jeff & Vickie Meier

July 20
Jay & Kerri Sandusky

July 21
Sandy & Terry Toal

July 22
Jessica & Michael Gaertner

July 23
Debbie & Scott Avey

July 29
Will & Lauren Hansen

July 30
Megan & Dustin Mason
Mike & Janet Shotwell

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

Birthdays

July 1
LuAnn Davis
Shelley Martin

July 2
Nathan Forest

July 3
Jim Clark
Stan Hack
Edith Steffen
David Mackey

July 4
Chris Hatland

July 6
Cody Bohlmann
Flynn Keil
Pat Hipple

July 9
Katrina Geer

July 10
Jan Holden

July 11
Jodie Gilliam
Sue Hall

July 12
Millie Eiler
Gwen Thien

July 14
Doug Davis

July 18
Eleanor Thoeming

July 23
Carolyn Herring

July 26
Brennan Gaertner
Sharon Hodgden

July 27
Harry Barth
Aubrey Gaul
Jordan Gaul

July 28
Ditter Fields

July 30
Nancy Mathias
David Swan

July 31
Larry Hansen
Clint Hakeman

Confirmation

All students in 7th grade or older who have not been confirmed are invited to confirmation classes at First UCC. Confirmation is the act of publicly “confirming” our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior. Classes will explore all sorts of aspects of our faith: Christianity, the Church, and our relationship with the Lord. Classes will meet weekly on Sunday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning September 12. Additionally, we will have a few different field trips to explore the history of our faith: a Synagogue, the Catholic Church, and a “mega-church” setting.

Confirmation will occur on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. After confirmed, each student will become a Covenant member of First UCC. If baptism has not occurred, the students will also be baptized during the confirmation service.

There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, August 22, at 11:30 a.m. at the church to visit and to run through the schedule for the confirmation session.

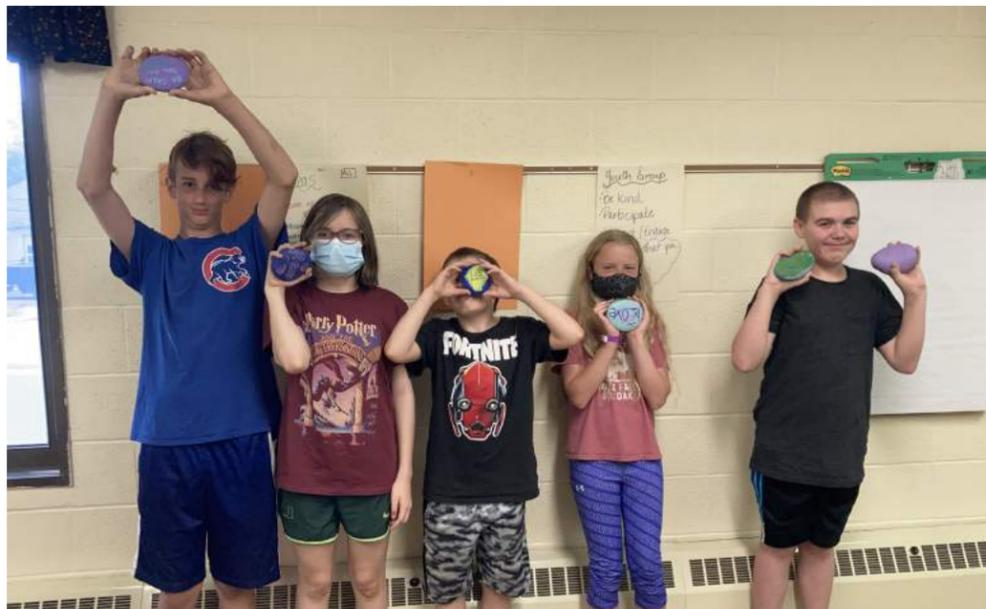
Please let Pastor Kerri know if you are planning to attend confirmation classes this fall or if you have any questions.

Building Update

This past month, the fascia around the church has been the focus. Mark Wiskus replaced rotten boards and covered all fascia with aluminum to maximize longevity. The gutters have been ordered and should be installed anytime.

Parsonage work is next. The roof, siding, gutters, and downspouts will all be replaced. Thanks to your amazing contributions to the Adopt-A-Window Campaign, there will be new windows installed as well.

These improvements will help with the value and care of our facilities. Thank you!



Tate Moore, Cheyenne Elshoff, Avery Elshoff, Addison Mente, and Matt Elshoff made faith rocks for covidrecovery.org - an organization to aid with mental health issues.

God Loves Helping Hands!



Dan McElderry gets familiar with the attic as he hardwires the camera in the Sanctuary. Thank you!



Sandy Mente and her beautiful gift of flowers. Thank you!



Jessie Dunton, Reece Dunton & Jennie Handbury have fun during Game Night!



Brittney Kintzel and Darren Miller play the bags game.



Jay Mason, Eleanor Gehrs, Harrison Gehrs & Jared Gehrs play volleyball.



Angie Knox, Jackson Knox, Maxson Christian & Erica Christian play Connect Four.



Ron Challis, Ditter Fields & Erma Lyle enjoy walking tacos and soft serve ice cream.



Dustin Mason enjoys soft serve ice cream.

“Let the trees of the forest sing, let them sing for joy before the Lord.” 1 Chronicles 16:33

“The Lord gives strength to all; the Lord blesses all with peace.” Psalm 29:11