

TRINITY UMC

MIDWEEK REMINDER

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TRINITY MISSION:

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday:

5:30 pm Worship Service

Sunday:

9:00 am "Spirited" Traditional
Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Joyful Noise Worship

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

7:00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT

Epworth United Methodist Church

2025 11th Avenue South

Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Do you have the annual Ash Wednesday service marked on your calendar? The season of Lent begins with our cooperative Ash Wednesday service, this year at Epworth United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Be sure to mark your calendars and join as at this joint service of the United Methodist Churches here in Ft. Dodge.

Please note that there will be not be Confirmation Class and Praise Team practice at Wednesday Night Live here at TUMC that evening, all other activities will remain.

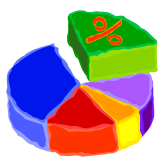
Sign Up for this Year's Lenten Study!

Forty Days of Fruitful Living. Practicing a Life of Grace

By Robert Schnase

This book guides the individual or small group through daily readings designed to inspire and encourage. *Forty Days of Fruitful Living* will help cultivate the essential practices of a life lived in grace - to receive God's love, to love God in return, to grow in Christ, to serve others, and to give back.

This small group will meet February 22nd and continue to meet until Easter in Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend this small group and would like to use the book as an individual devotional throughout the Lenten Season that can be done as well. Sign up this weekend on the Ministry Opportunities page or by calling Kris Christensen at the church.



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STATS

TOTAL DEPOSITS:
January 16-31st, 2012
\$11,090

ATTENDANCE

Jan 21-22nd Weekend Worship	273
Jan 28-29th Weekend Worship	304

Sunday Before Dark: February 12, 2012 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Sunday Before Dark is an adult group whose purpose is to come together for fun and fellowship. We welcome all adults of any age, single and/or married. It's a great way to get to know others you might not know in our church *and* it's a terrific way to introduce someone who doesn't attend our church to other church members! Join us on **Sunday, February 12th from 2:30 to 4:30**. We will be playing Dominos and Sequence. If you don't know how to play either of these games, come anyway, they are very easy to learn! Snacks will be provided this month by Miriam Hoskins. So, bring a friend and join us for a great time together!

TO ALL TRINITY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:

All women of the church are invited to the General Meeting of Trinity's United Methodist Women on Thursday, February 9th. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm for a chili supper followed by our CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL program presented by Carol Corey. Rachel Circle will be hostesses of this event. Please bring a small amount of chili to add to the pot. The executive committee will meet at 4:30 pm.

TRINITY UMW MEMBERS

If you have not picked up your 2012 UMW Yearbook, see your Circle chairperson or check on the UMW bookshelf in the Gathering Room.

NEEDED:

An old 40-100 CUP COFFEE URN that can be destroyed during 150th Celebration Circuit Rider Service.

Contact the Church Office at 573-3519 if you are able to donate this item. Thank You!

Faith Sound - Ministry of Music: Sunday, March 4th!

Faith Sound is an interdenominational contemporary musical group from Harlan, Iowa, now in its 36th year. Members of the group are students (9th-12th grade) from Harlan and the surrounding communities and represent 11 churches from the area. Faith Sound is supported by free-will offerings

The purpose of Faith Sound is simple...

God's Word through the ministry of music.

My birthday was made very special by each of you that sent me "congratulations." Also, the special greetings that Leanne and I received at Christmas caused us to feel greatly appreciated. Thank you one and all! May our Lord bless us together as we serve Him in the coming year.

Blessings In Christ, L.J. Hartley

What's the Point?

We are already approaching Lent and Easter. It makes me think of God's mercy and grace. This is good time of year to ask ourselves, What's the Point? This is a two-edged question. We can be asking ourselves, What is the point of it all if it doesn't make a difference? Or we can be asking, What point was God making with his grace and mercy, sending his son?

I thought back to the Farmers Chapel UMC near Indianola and their recovery from an awful fire, set by an arsonist, that destroyed their little church a few years ago. What was the result of it all?

They rebuilt! Insurance paid part of it, and they had to decide what the new church should look like. Lots of competing personal preferences weighed in: Should they concentrate on building something that would recognize their past? Should it be something the young people would like? Something for the children? Should we even rebuild at all?

Their answer? They could not live in the past or even the present. If they weren't moving, they weren't living. They decided the church was for the future. For the future members, their families, their children. So they built a church for families, with pictures on the walls where the kids can touch them, a sound system that would be good for different types of services, a sanctuary and entrance where everybody can mix and sit together.

And it would cost more than insurance would pay. But they understood the mission of the church and they knew what they had to do. And they did it! A small church got together, focused on the mission, and they succeeded!

We can all focus on the mission, and on what our church is supposed to do. If we don't challenge ourselves, if we don't look beyond ourselves, we aren't growing into the Kingdom of God.

Dr. Dan Rogers

Thank you to all who donated and worked at Operation Christmas. I give you the biggest thank you and offer you this past Christmas poem written by Howard Thurman:

Spiritual Care

“When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.”

Shopping and planning goes on all year as we prepare for Operation Christmas in 2012.

Working for Christ,

Norma Hughett, CWU Representative



Please remember these friends in prayer.

Ray Armour, Dwight & Janet Barnhardt, Landon Blades, Kelvin, Ryan, and Hope Brown, Cheryl Bush, Mark and Jan Carpenter, JoAnn Clausen & Family, Derek Ellerbeck, Tom Erie, Ed Fawcett, Lane Hansen, Craig Hatlestad, Merle Hayes, Matthew Johnson, Carol Knapp, Martha Knox, Eugene Kunkle, Harland LaBarge, Barb LaFollette, Family of Mark & Cassie Langstaff, Douglas Lee, Richard Lind, Clarence Lomicka, Barb McCluer, Margie McCollough (mother of Camille Rogers), Jan Menzel, Dale Messerly, Betty Moore, Deb & Sam Noelting, Patsy O., Marilyn Oberhelman, Alice Parker, Ava Passow & Family, John Peterson, Tyce Robertson, Service Men and Women, Herb Smith, LCPL Josh Smith, Brandon Stewart, Doris Stewart, Tammy Taylor, TUMC College Students, Mary Wilson, Mary Ellen Wolfe, Jason Yenger, Marilyn Yenger

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.....

ARE YOU 'JUST A MEMBER'?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you take an active part to help the work along?

Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?

Do you ever work on committees? You see there is no trick.

Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?

So attend and volunteer often, and help with hand and heart.

Don't be 'just a member', but take an active part.

Think it over members, you shouldn't have to think too long.

Are you an active member, or do you just belong?



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WELCOME TO TRINITY

SUPER BIBLE BOWL!

Hey kids! Don't miss out on our Super Bowl Sunday Super Bible Bowl this week during Sunday School! We'll be having special activities, food, and fun... all while building a strong team for JESUS! Bring canned soup for the Lord's Cupboard and earn extra points for the team. See you Sunday!!

REMINDER: The kids will be singing during the 9:00 worship service on February 12th. Please have them at the church by 8:30 a.m. to practice.

Thank you.

