

July 2019

Tims Tales

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Anticipating Upcoming Transitions...



As I write these words, Colette and I are living in the midst of boxes anticipating our move to Cedar Falls. Our assigned move date is July 2. We would like to thank the trustees and others who have worked hard updating and readying the parsonage for us. It is such a beautiful house and we are looking forward to making it our home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Wendi for her years of service to this congregation and wish her well in retirement. Together, you have accomplished much under her leadership and I feel privileged to come and build upon this solid foundation. I am grateful that I am being appointed to a healthy, forward-looking, loving, welcoming and missional congregation. I appreciate all of the ways Pastor Wendi has made for a smooth transition and will continue to live in the Cedar Valley, so I can draw upon her knowledge and expertise!

While change is difficult, it's also exciting. I am wondering, what important work God has for us to accomplish? Who will be the leaders in that effort? In coming months I plan to hold many conversations and lead an intentional process to help answer these and other questions. For now, however, let's get to know each other and celebrate the many gifts for ministry present in our congregational life! Colette and I are looking forward to living and working among you.

See you soon, Pastor Scott

Join Us in Worship on June 30



Celebrating Pastor Wendi Gillan's Ministry

We will celebrate Pastor Wendi's Ministry with us on Sunday, June 30. Everyone is invited to reception after worship in the fellowship hall. Please bring (or send) cards and notes to show appreciation of her ministry at St. Timothys and wish her well in her retirement.

Mahalo, Gracias, Danke, Efaristo

Thank you simply doesn't express the appreciation I feel in my heart for the privilege of being in ministry with you, the fine folks here at Tims the last six years. This time together has been a blessing beyond words for me!

Thank you to everyone who has kept me in your prayers and have extended your best wishes through your cards, gifts, calls and visits. Please know that as I retire from "Appointive Ministry", I am looking forward to where God can use me next.

I am excited that you're receiving Pastor Scott and Dr. Colette as your new clergy family. They truly will be a blessing for Tims, as I know you will be for them.

Since I will still be in the area, please know I will not be involved in "ministry" with you, but I will continue to hold you in prayer and will be glad to celebrate secular events with you.

May God continue to bless you as you strive to reach out with God's Love to all.

In the true translation of Mahalo, I offer to you my deepest prayer, May you be in Divine Breath.

Wendi

Join Us in Worship on July 7

Welcoming Pastor Scott Lothe to his new appointment

Pastor Scott and Dr. Colette Lothe will join us in worship on July 7.

You'll want to be there to meet and greet them and help them feel welcome at St. Timothys.



July 16 - Community Meal

First UMC in Cedar Falls

Would you like to help serve a delicious & healthy home-cooked meal to those who...

- ◇ Can't afford to purchase the groceries,
- ◇ Or don't have access to appliances to cook it,
- ◇ Or don't want to eat alone,
- ◇ Or just enjoy socializing with a variety of folks,
- ◇ Or gratefully appreciate your work & tasty meal?

What a joy it is to see them ponder which dessert to choose, to see their big smiles, and to hear an energetic and sincere "thank you"!

Contact **Carolyn Scoville** to volunteer to prepare food at 12:30, serve at 4:15, do dishes & cleanup at 5:00, or provide a pan of bars.

Call **Bob Huber** if you can help set up tables.

The UM Iowa Annual Conference has adopted a new program called, "A New Way of Doing Mission: In Mission Together", encouraging us to "**be with**" rather than "**doing for.**"

We can build relationships by sitting with people, asking about their situation, learning their names, understanding their circumstances, building their trust.

Please consider coming to our Community Meal, eating with our guests, and chatting with them so they will know we care.



Community Meal

Softball Schedule

01-Jul	Field 3	6:30 p.m.
08-Jul	Field 3	7:30 p.m.
15-Jul	Field 2	8:30 p.m.
22-Jul	Field 3	6:30 p.m.
29-Jul	Field 2	6:30 p.m.
05-Aug	Field 3	7:30 p.m.
	Field 3	8:30 p.m.

Games played at Birdsall Park

Please pray for:

- Ruth Calder
- Pastor Scott & Dr. Colette
- Farmers
- Those suffering from loss
- Those affected by flooding and other natural disasters
- Border immigration crisis
- An end to the violence
- All who are shut-in
- People and families dealing with medical issues
- Women at the Well Ministry
- Our Military and families
- Rev. Paul Wilcox, N.E. District Supt.
- Iowa UMC Cabinet
- Bishop Laurie Haller

July Calendar

Sunday, June 30	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Pastor Wendi's Celebration
Monday, July 1	6:30 PM	Softball game, Field 3 at Birdsall
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
Tuesday, July 2	7:00 PM	Worship Ministry
Thursday, July 4		Independence Day Holiday
Sunday, July 7	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship with Communion
	11:15 AM	Refreshments after Worship
Monday, July 8	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
	7:30 PM	Softball game, Field 3 at Birdsall
Tuesday, July 9	6:30 PM	Trustees
Wednesday, July 10	9:00 AM	Friendship Breakfast
	5:00 PM	Finance
Thursday, July 11	5:30 PM	Church & Society
Sunday, July 14	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Refreshments after Worship
Monday, July 15	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
	8:30 PM	Softball game, Field 2 at Birdsall
Tuesday, July 16		Community Meals at First UMC
Wednesday, July 17	5:00 PM	Leadership Council
Thursday, July 18		Tims Tales Stories Due
Friday, July 19	1-4:00 PM	Food Closet
Sunday, July 21	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Refreshments after Worship
Monday, July 22	6:30 PM	Softball game, Field 3 at Birdsall
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
Tuesday, July 23	5:30 PM	Reaching & Receiving
Wednesday, July 24	9:00 AM	Friendship Breakfast
	5:00 PM	SPRC
Sunday, July 28	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Refreshments after Worship
Monday, July 29	6:30 PM	Softball game, Field 2 at Birdsall
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon

Save These Dates!

The Reaching and Receiving Committee is planning 2 fun activities in late summer that you just won't want to miss!

St. Timothys at Pridefest Saturday, August 24



St. Timothys will have a booth at the 2019 Pridefest in Waterloo.

The Reaching and Receiving Committee is working on some new, fun features, games, handouts, and activities to attract Pridefest-goers to our booth.

If you enjoy meeting others and sharing your warm inclusive spirit, watch for the sign-up sheet later in the summer. Free event admission tickets will be available for those who are working the booth and need them.

Contact Emily Borcharding for more information.

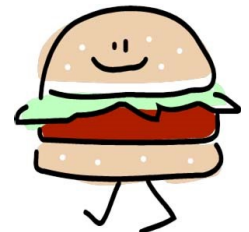
Fall Kick-Off Party

September 5, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall & Outside



This will be a big party you and your family won't want to miss. Catch-up on the summer's adventures of your friends, share some great food, and have lots of fun with outdoor games for young and old.

We will encourage each church family to invite friends or family to join us. Our invited guests can just come and enjoy themselves. The church will have grilled hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings as well as beverages and potato chips. Each church family will be asked to bring a delicious pot-luck hot or cold dish or dessert to share.



Our Church's Financial Update

Our church's finances are still in a very good condition. Through May, our general fund income is a little less than our expenses, but not by a lot. As we enter the summer months, I expect our general fund income will continue to be lower than our expenses. This is normal. We should not have any problems, though, paying our bills, salaries, and apportionments this year, because the general fund balance is now high. I still expect our general fund income for the entire year will be about \$10,000 less than our expenses. The capital and memorials funds should be alright, however.

Through May, we had \$48,006 in our general fund bank account, \$16,288 in our capital fund bank account, and \$6,457 in our memorials fund bank account.

Through May, we received \$114,867 for the general fund, which includes pledges, plate money, church use, and miscellaneous giving, \$5,767 for the capital fund, which is used for capital projects, and \$1,075 for the memorials fund, which is used for other special projects and causes.

On the expense side, we spent \$117,953 from our general fund through May, \$5,234 from our capital fund, and \$768 from our memorials fund. We made all of our conference apportionments payments through June.

Thank you for contributing to the life of our church, whether it is your financial giving, attending and participating in worship, Sunday school, or special events, being on a church committee, or volunteering to do something else. Try to keep up with your pledges to the general and capital funds throughout the year. If you have any questions about our church's finances or want a copy of the latest balance sheet or treasurer's report, contact the church office or me.

Al Yakish, Finance Committee Chair

Patricia is getting stronger every day, and she may drop into the office as she is able. Bob Huber, Barb Hugi, Russell Peterson, and Sally Yakish are continuing to help out as needed.

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit news for the **August** issue of Tims Tales to Patricia at sttimsadmin@cfu.net by **Thursday, July 18**.

Keeping up with St. Timothy's

Worship CD: If you missed Sunday's Worship Service, you can keep up with the current worship service or listen to a previous service with a CD available from the church office. If you cannot make it regularly to church, please contact the church office to be added to the CD distribution list.

Call Patricia at (319)266-0464 or sttimsadmin@cfu.net.

Email Connection: Get a weekly update as well as special announcements. Subscribe by sending your email address to our office manager at sttimsadmin@cfu.net.

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Jake Huntley	- Director of Music Ministries
Janet Kreb	- Organist
Open	- Accompanist

Our Witness of Inclusion

The congregation of St. Timothy's United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls celebrates God's gifts as a faith community built upon the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are called and strive to be an open, loving, and caring congregation; to proclaim Jesus' love and justice to all; and to live out God's unending love through the inclusiveness and welcoming of all persons, including those of all sexual orientations and gender identities.



St. Timothys Food Closet

Open the third Friday every month 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

- ◆ Donations of the following non-food items may be left in the "Food Closet" tote located in the Narthex.
- ◆ Paper towels, Kleenex, napkins, laundry soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, bar soap, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, and pet food.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

WE CARE KITS

It's July and hot outside! For the homeless in the area, Missions is collecting useful items for We Care Kits, such as granola bars, crackers with peanut butter or cheese, homemade Chex mix, water bottles, gift certificates for fast food, hand wipes, Chapstick, small bottles of lotion & shampoo, toothbrushes & toothpaste, combs, hats, scarves or bandanas. Think of things that a person living under the bridges or out of their cars or in abandoned buildings might need and would appreciate.

Place your items in the We Care tub under the name tags, and they will be taken to the Hospitality House or Salvation Army.

A big Thank You to Jay Agness for delivering all the donations to Hospitality House.

Cunningham News

HyVee completed its Cash 4 Students program at the end of May, giving checks to the schools that participated during the past year. Cunningham collected \$371,066 for third place out of 57 schools and received a check for \$1,484.27. Thank you to everybody who saved Hy-Vee receipts. You can start saving them again now as of June 1st.

Also please save the "Education Box Tops" on all General Mills products, but please note the expiration dates. Other items needed are: Prairie Farms milk lids, and never-refilled printer ink cartridges and Tyson's labels.

For your convenience, there are plastic bins on top of the Communi-center at the west entrance of the church .

Jane Teaford, June 2, 2019

Sunday School Offerings

\$418 was given to Red Bird Mission in the Appalachian mountains in Kentucky from the January-June Sunday School offerings. Chronic poverty, a lack of jobs, poor housing conditions, and a rugged mountainous terrain are some of the obstacles to achieving a livable life in the area. The Mission provides education, making for retail, elderly housing, literacy, medical services, and assistance in upgrading their below-standard housing.

The Sunday School offerings from July-December will go to CFUM (Children & Family Urban Movement) at Trinity UMC in Des Moines. The church is located in the poverty-stricken inner city with substandard housing, new immigrants, and racial tensions. Your donations will help provide a quality and safe after-school program that focuses on literacy, tutoring, and homework help, plus recreational and creative activities. Your offering will help provide meals through the daily Breakfast Club for children and the daily Supper Club for the Community.

Africa University Hymnal Fund

Thank you letter from the chaplain at Africa University for hymnals...

Greetings and blessing to you.

Words alone cannot express how thankful we are for the donation of The Faith We Sing hymnals. The hymnals will uplift our souls as we sing and praise the Lord for the life we share. Thank you, Mrs. Balm Demmel and the St. Timothy UMC for thinking about Kwang Lim Chapel and for the gift that we will forever cherish.

The Business Office is working on the clearance of the books and once completed, the consignment will be delivered to campus. We will provide you with pictures as we receive them as a community.

*Grace and Peace (John 14.27),
Rev Maudy Muchanyereyi
Africa University Chaplain, Africa University
Mutare Zimbabwe*

Special Offerings

THANK YOU for giving from your hearts in June:

\$166 was given for Peace with Justice Sunday.

\$622 was given to Heartland Habitat for Humanity. All of the money stays here in the local area to provide simple, decent, and affordable homes for hard-working, low-income families.

July 7 - FOOD CLOSET - Communion Service

A special offering on July 21 will go to our missionaries in Zimbabwe, Larry & Jane Kies. They work at Africa University, a UMC related institution.

Larry grew up on a farm in Jesup, Iowa and now trains agricultural students from countries all over Africa. In the past few years they have successfully completed several projects, such as new tractors, Farm Staff houses, a Center-Pivot irrigation system, and dairy herd expansion. Jane grew up in South Africa and England and has a sister living in Iowa. Jane teaches intensive English to students who come from countries where English is not spoken.

Rather than supporting them personally, Larry & Jane are asking for money to go for AU scholarships, since many students could not attend without scholarship money.

The Kies visited us in 2016 and will be here again in 2020.



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