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in the World - **All the People of God!**



United Methodist News

January 2021



Worship Services
Online Only



Your Leadership Council and SPRC continue to monitor the local pandemic situation. In conjunction with Bishop Laurie, in-person worship has been postponed until at least January 17. This allows ample time for any families who are traveling for the holidays to quarantine before gathering in person in their churches. Worship services continue to be offered online at our website.

Many of us have dearly miss being physically present with our friends, singing Christmas carols, and spending time with the children. However, by refraining from in-person worship at this time, we are being true to our call as people of faith to do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. Our faith gives us support and encouragement but also reminds us of our responsibility to ensure that all people are safe, especially the most vulnerable among us.

If you are feeling overwhelmed, please reach out to Pastor Jay, a neighbor, or a friend, and be on the lookout yourself for ways in which you can care for others. The apostle Paul reminds us of our call and responsibility for such a time as this, "*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*" (Galatians 6:2)

Worship **LIVE**

To watch the live service, or the latest recorded service, visit the church website at tiptonumc.org and click on the [Latest Worship Video](#) link on the left side under the logo (or under the logo on your mobile phone). You can also click the WorshipLIVE icon. Past services are available by choosing **Live Worship** from the Worship menu.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

From Pastor Jay's Perspective

Dear Friends,

Can you believe it! We survived 2020. 2021 seems to have a much brighter future, and yet the fact is that we still have a lot of work to do. We still have to wait awhile for some sort of normalcy to show up, and when it does, I don't think it will look like the old normalcy. I think business will look different, as well as schools, and even churches. Covid has affected so many areas of our lives. Some things will change for the better while others we will miss as the good old days.

One thing that will not change in 2021, however, is God's love for you. No matter what you are going through, no matter what you had to deal with in 2020, God will still be present in your life. One of the things that I have experienced in my life is that when I am going through hard times I don't always see where God is in the picture. After I get through it, however, and look back I begin to see signs of God's presence through it all.

So that is my prayer for 2021, that each of us might be able to look back on 2020 and see the presence of the Divine in all that happen. God didn't say life would be easy only that God would be present in everything that we go through. So in 2021, I am wishing a Happy New Year that sees God's presence in all that you do. May it be so. Amen.

Pastor Jay

January Calendar

Sunday, January 3

10:00 am Worship Online

Monday, January 4

6:45 pm Missions Meeting

Wednesday, January 6

6:30 pm SPRC Meeting

Friday, January 8

3:30 pm-4:30 pm Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, January 9

11:00 am-12:00 pm Shared Blessings

Sunday, January 10

10:00 am Worship Online

Thursday, January 14

6:30 pm Trustees

Sunday, January 17

9:00-9:50 am Sunday School Classes (tentative)

10:00 am Worship (Tentatively in-person worship)

Monday, January 18

3:00 pm Circle of Friends

Tuesday, January 19

6:45 pm Leadership Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 20

Newsletter Deadline

6:30 pm GIG

Saturday, January 23

11:00 am-12:00 pm Shared Blessings

Sunday, January 24

9:00-9:50 am Sunday School Classes (tentative)

10:00 am Worship

Tuesday, January 26

2:00 pm Prairie Hills Worship (tentative)

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 am Holy Folders (tentative)

1:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm GIG

Sunday, January 31

9:00-9:50 am Sunday School Classes

10:00 am Worship

Thank you for the wonderful Birthday card!

It is always nice to be thought of on your birthday!

Sara Webb

Thank you for the Christmas package of a coloring book, crayons, and an Oasis gift card!

Merry Christmas!

Sara Webb

Dear Tipton United Methodist Church,

We send out loving Christmas greetings to you as a reminder that we continue to be grateful for all of the love and support that you gave to my daughters and me during our difficult time. Merry Christmas.

Love, Cynthia (Patnode), Carey, Rachel & Becca Reynolds

Sunday Worship

Weekly sermons are posted at tiptonumc.org.

If you want to give online,
that is available at the
website too.

Give Online

Who: Anyone wanting to give who has a bank account, credit card, or debit card.

What: Give securely online as a one-time payment or automatically recurring payment.

When: Anytime, and especially when you'll be gone for vacation, family events, athletic tournaments, etc.

Why: Why use online? It is simple, convenient, no checks to write, can be one-time or automatically recurring;

Why give? Financial stewardship is a spiritual discipline, partnering with others to do God's work in the world.

Where: <http://www.tiptonumc.org>

How: Click the Give Now button, setup an account, and submit your gift.

Hospitalized/Procedures: Grace Boynton

Healing: Alvin Baird (Lorna Muller's brother-in-law), Jo Ann Beers, Les Boots, Nick Brown, Denise Cartwright, Barb Cawiezell, Glenn Eaton, Jerry Ferguson, Bob Gould, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, half-brother and nephew of Deb Lowry, Deb McKay, Randy Nau, Noah (Ron & Lois Salmonson's grandson), Judy Ohrt, Rhonda Waugh, Mary Wright (Lois Salmonson's sister)

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Alice Ann & Lisa Gallagher,
Ryan & Melinda Stonebraker & family,

Individuals & Families experiencing loss:

The family of Arline Miller

The family of Betty Carpenter (Donna Gault's sister),

The family of Herb LaMaack (Alberta Wagaman's brother-in-law).

In Treatment: Kandi Allison, Ron Burroughs, Clara Italiano, Karen (Gail Fleming's sister), Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Chris Ward

Coronavirus: Twyla LaMaack family (Alberta Wagaman's sister)

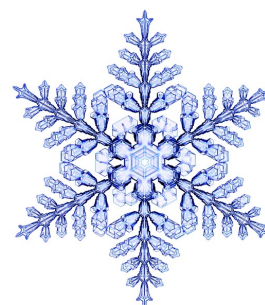
Hospice/Palliative Care:

Carrol Amundson (Pastor Jay's father),

Bill Brown (Greg's father),

Joe Cheshaeck (Gail Fleming's brother-in-law)

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Steve Eiler, Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey & Alexa Ormsby, Mike Ploeger & Daniel Larson (McKinney's nephews)



Missions

Thank you!

On behalf of the Missions Team, we THANK YOU for the generous giving of your time and monetary donations to Missions projects throughout the year. We couldn't do all that we do year after year without your support and the priorities you place on being a "missional" church.

Although this past year has limited the amount of projects that we've normally done in the past, we were still able to accomplish a few things. Those included Make A Difference Community Work Day, Shared Blessings Community Meals, Food Pantry, Food Box Distribution, School Meals, Angel Tree, and Thanksgiving Ingathering.

Funds raised from these projects and our special offerings (i.e. copper kettle, Easter Pool, Thanksgiving, Christmas) go to support a wide variety of Mission projects. A complete report of your 2020 mission giving will be available in January and published in the February newsletter.

Mobile Pantry Distribution Changes

The Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled to be at First UMC Tipton on Friday, January 8, 3:30–4:30 pm. We are still following the procedures listed below because of the COVID-19 virus.

It reads in part: **For the foreseeable future, we are making changes to our mobile pantry distribution to protect your health and the health of the clients.**

- We will be distributing pre-boxed food rather than setting up tables for clients to "shop" from.
- Clients will be asked to wait in their vehicles and just drive thru for pick up. If clients do not have cars, ask that they social distance. Calling one person at a time up to receive their pre-boxed and bagged items.
- Check in should be done by one person, if they are new and need to sign a TEFAP form, please keep contact minimal. Gloves are available from HACAP to wear.

**Today consider the
spiritual gifts God gave you—
the unique and precious talents
that you bring to the world.
Be a light to those around
you and bring glory to God.**



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

**Saturday, January 9
Saturday, January 23
11:00 am till noon**

Meals will be "to-go" only.
Please wait in the breezeway
and a meal will be brought up
to you.



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck
Friday, January 8
Tipton United Methodist
Church**

Questions?

**Call the HACAP Food
Reservoir (319) 393-7811
or the Church office
(563) 886-2331**

**Income Eligibility
Guidelines Apply**

www.hacap.org

- 1 – Aedon Anderson, Ray Linder
- 2 – Sharon Clark, Kennedy Jackson
- 4 – Murry Mente
- 5 – Kypton Brown, Dixie Martin,
Cassie Wallick
- 6 – Bill Esbeck, Neil Gaunt, Billy Hoffman,
Sandy Ohrt
- 7 – Andrew Allen
- 8 – Ron Elijah, Nate Ohrt, Helen Timm
- 10 – Joseph Battey, Nathan Fitch, Ty Ford,
Casey Gade, Helen Palmer
- 11 – Kiki Behne, Rae Leff
- 12 – Gwen VanScoy
- 13 – Berrie Glick
- 14 – Sally Ahrens, Taylor Wendel
- 15 – Glenda Holets
- 16 – Jamie Ketelsen
- 18 – Nifer Comstock, Bonnie Leslie, Rylee
Semotan, Michael Semotan, Jr,
Emily Wulf
- 19 – Mark Lowry, Tina Nau, Matt Schmidt,
Larry & Kathy Houstman,
Alexandria Voss
- 20 – Samantha Eberle, Carson Glick,
Corey Ormsby
- 22 – Roger Regennitter, Lyle & Cynthia Fitch
- 25 – Brad & Bobbie Lieser
- 26 – Blake Huston, Shayne Lanning
- 27 – Daniel Charette, Wally Reidel,
Danica Rippentrop
- 28 – Wally & Judy Reidel
- 29 – Emilie Hein
- 31 – Kamryn Chapman,
Mark Wiskus,
Marc & Jerrelyn
Weaver



First Friday Donuts!

We are teaming up with the United Church of Christ of Tipton to meet, greet, and serve donuts and juice to the high school students on the first Friday of every month. What about you? Can we put you down for January 8, 8–8:30 am in the UCC parking lot? Reach out to the office to add your name to the list.

Carol Mitchell Scholarship

Application opened up December 1.
(\$350 – 1 awarded per year)

All graduating high school seniors are eligible. Don't worry if you haven't taken the ACTs or the SATs yet. For more information or go to <https://iumf.org/scholarships/um-college-scholarships/>

Carol Mitchell Ministry Scholarship

Application opened up December 1.
(\$250 – 1 awarded per year)

Please see the above website for requirements for both scholarships.

**Peace is not a season...
it is a way of life.**

When the spirit of peace becomes a part of our lives, every day will be Christmas and every night will hold the promise of dawn.

-Anonymous

Financials

November Contributions	\$17,036.23
November Expenses	\$15,150.28
Apportionments paid	\$24,777.50 out of \$35,466.00
Annual Budget	\$225,688.51 of which \$155,764.80 has been collected.

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January Events

Jan. 8 — HACAP Mobile Food
Pantry

Jan. 9 — Shared Blessings

Jan. 17 — In-Person Worship
Tentatively Resumes

Jan. 20 — Newsletter Deadline

Jan. 23 — Shared Blessings

Jan. 27 — Holy Folders

Have Faith

Mission Statement:
Tipton First United Methodist Church

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”