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Therefore the Lord himself will give you  
a sign. Look, the young woman is with  
child and shall bear a son, and shall name  
him Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

# United Methodist News

December 2019

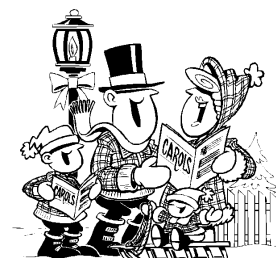
## The Amazing Story of Christmas Children's Christmas Program December 15

It truly is an amazing story and on December 15 at 6:00 pm the children will bring this story to you. Please join us for an evening of music and a retelling of the greatest Christmas story. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Gathering Place.

The Sunday school classes will be working on the program and it is important for the kids to be there on Sunday mornings to practice. If kids are interested in playing special music before the program please let Mary Jo Heil or Joyce Slach know.

## Calling all Christmas Carolers

The Chamber is looking for some carolers to sing around the community Christmas tree during the official lighting. The lighting is during the Small Business Saturday/Jingle Bell Hustle event.



**What:** Carolers (all are welcome, we don't discriminate)

**When:** November 30 at 5:20 pm

**Where:** The Green Space next to Among Friends (behind the big bike)

**Questions:** E-mail Abby Cummins VanScoy – [abby\\_c71@hotmail.com](mailto:abby_c71@hotmail.com)

There will be a Live Nativity with REAL animals right next door.



We are STILL searching for **vocalists to join the praise band**.— Contact Greg for more information.

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

# Between Sundays

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## “Between Sundays”

In 1998, Celine Dion recorded “The Magic of Christmas Day (God Bless Us Everyone).” It is a beautiful song that starts:

Deck the halls with boughs of holly  
It’s the season to be jolly  
And be thankful for all that we have  
All the lights and decorations  
Put up in the anticipation  
Of the joyful celebration  
That’s on its way  
We’re counting the days  
‘Til it’s time for Christmas day

However, Christmas is not necessarily a time of laughter and joy. It is also a time of sadness and pain. Not everyone is excited about Christmas Day. There is too much hurt and anguish. Yet, I also listen to the chorus of Celine’s song, and I hear the invitation:

Oh and God bless us everyone  
The good and the bad  
The happy; the sad  
Oh and God bless us everyone  
Here’s to family and friends  
It’s good to be here again

It is in the chorus of this song that I hear the hope of the season. I hear the peace and joy that is offered by the coming of the Christ Child. I hear the love of God poured (sung) out to everyone. No matter what is happening in your lives, be it happy or sad, good or bad, there is a place for each of us in this place we call church. We are family and friends. So, I want to invite all of us to fully experience the joys and the sadness of this time as we offer the peace, hope, joy, and love of Christmas to all.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about the seven different worship services in the month of December. We will start with the Hanging of the Greens Service and the Festival of 9 Lessons and 9 Carols two weeks later. The week of Christmas

we will have our Longest Night (Blue Christmas) Service at 6:30 p.m. for those who go through difficult times at Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, we will have an early (5:00 p.m.) and a late (11:00 p.m.) Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. This service always brings special meaning to those who attend.

Yet, no matter what service you attend, please remember to give back to yourselves. This is a season to reflect on the blessings our God has given each of us. Sometimes that blessing may not seem to be much of one, but our God is always there for us. Let’s remember it is good to be here again among our family and friends at First Church Tipton.

Today we held our 60-Second Offering (you now know when I am writing this). The result of that special collection offering is located elsewhere in this newsletter and I am not going to be guilty of a “spoiler alert”. So, flip through the pages and see what we did! I am very happy that our church stepped up and met the challenge. Thank you everyone!

Ray Linder reported to us today that our church soup lunch and auction was also very successful. We raised over \$6000. In addition, many of you had fun, too, battling it out to bid on an item or two. Again, thanks to everyone who made this event a success, not only the workers but the participants as well.

Our Advent Study, The Uncluttered Heart, will be starting December 1st. Please contact the office to get a book. The individual price will be about \$9. The study will go through the month of December and maybe into the first week of January.

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**Your** worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of **God’s grace**. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of **God’s grace**. —Jerry Bridges

# Between Sundays continued

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Coming in the New Year will be a new church-wide study, Dream Like Jesus. More about that in the weeks to come.

So, as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child during the approaching Advent and sing Alleluias at his birth, may this upcoming Christmas Season be one that brings the love of God and the fullness of Jesus Christ into your life. Merry Christmas all.

Until next month, Shalom.

Pastor Steve

## We Hear God's Word . . .

Here are the sermon titles and scripture reference for the month of December (subject to change):

- 12-01-19: Hanging of the Greens Service (various scriptures)
- 12-08-19: Happy Science and Angry John (Matthew 3:1-12)
- 12-15-19: Service of 9 Lessons and 9 Carols (various scriptures)
- 12-22-19: Whose Child Is This? (Matthew 1:18-19)
- 12-22-19: Longest Night (Blue Christmas) Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 12-24-19: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- 12-29-19: The Flight to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-33)



### Longest Night (Blue Christmas) Service

Pastor Steve will hold a Longest Night (Blue Christmas) Service on Sunday, December 22,

2019, for those who find this jolly season not so jolly. The holidays can be especially difficult when one has suffered a loss, when painful memories are triggered by holiday

traditions, or when one anticipates many uncertainties in the coming year. Marking the Longest Night is our way of acknowledging that pain and offering compassionate prayers and words of hope.

This event is free and open to the public. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Prayers

### Hospitalized/Procedures:

**Healing:** Barbara Aquilani (Donna Gault's daughter), Jo Ann Beers, Nick Brown, Denise Cartwright, Glenn Eaton, Dan Hall, Jerry Ferguson, Bob Gould, Sylvia Gould, Erma Lyle, Half-brother, and Nephew of Deb Lowry, Lynn McIntosh, Deb McKay, Jeff McKinney, Randy Nau, Marjorie O'Leary, Mavis O'Morrow, Ron Schroeder, Marjorie Stonerook, Sherry Swinton, Jim Theile (Lois Salmonson's brother), Barb Valenti (Lois Salmonson's sister), Rhonda Waugh.

**Prayers for those in Life Transitions:** Alice Ann & Lisa Gallagher, Sylvia & Ken Gould, Ryan & Melinda Stonebraker & family

### Individuals & Families experiencing loss:

The family of Jan Linn, The family of Rex Idlewine, The family of Harley Daufeldt, The family of Lin Hannes, The family of Wylene Hostler

**In Treatment:** Ron Burroughs, Clara Italiano, Karen (Gail Fleming's sister), Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Dorothy Theile (Lois Salmonson's sister), Chris Ward.

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Joe Cheshaeck (Gail Fleming's brother-in-law), Dennis O'Morrow.

**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).



## Donuts! An Excuse To Eat Cake For Breakfast

**First Friday Donuts!** Which this month happens to be December 6. Meet at the United Church of Christ of Tipton to meet, greet, and serve donuts and juice to the high school students. 8 to 8:30 am in the UCC parking lot. Reach out to the office or Pastor Steve to add your name to the list.

## Angel Tree

Our church often receives requests for assistance throughout the year. The Missions team will once again give you the opportunity to purchase gift cards to supplement the benevolence fund and assist local families needing assistance by purchasing specific gift requests. All you need to do is choose a tag from the Christmas tree located in the Gathering Place and purchase the item listed. We ask that you wrap your gift and return it to the church with the tag so we know to whom it goes to. Please have your gifts returned to the church by December 13 to give us plenty of time to get them to the families before Christmas.



As you make plans for Christmas, we'd appreciate it if you'd include the Angel Tree as part of your plans as you are able.

**Thank You** to everyone who helped make our 3rd Annual Soup Lunch and Auction a success! From the wide variety of soups and desserts to all the wonderful items up for auction, it was truly a great day of food, fun and fellowship. Thank you to Abigail Circle for the prep and clean-up in the kitchen and to Ron Wingert for once again doing the auctioneering.

With your participation we were able to raise over \$6,800! We look forward to doing this again next year.



## The Obituary of Someone Else

I know that all of you will be saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our church's most valuable members -- Someone Else.

Someone's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years, and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than the normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. Someone Else can work with that group. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips, "Let Someone Else do it." It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest givers in the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? Remember, we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

- Author Unknown -



**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

Saturday, Dec. 14  
Saturday, Dec. 28  
11:00 am till noon

*Merry Christmas*



HACAP Mobile Food Truck  
Friday, Dec. 6  
3:30 – 4:30 pm  
Tipton United Methodist Church

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

Income Eligibility  
Guidelines Apply

[www.hacap.org](http://www.hacap.org)

## Sunday Schedule

9:00 – 9:50 am

Sunday school and GIGS\*

9:50 – 10:00 am – Fellowship

Snacks, Gathering Place

10:00 – 11:15 am Worship

11:15 am – Fellowship Coffee

**\*Classes and GIGs** are located in various places throughout the building. Children, Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Sanctuary for opening and then go to their classrooms in the Education Wing.

## 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.

## Youth Group Update

Our Youth Group will be joining the Lutheran Youth Group beginning January 8. This includes grades 8-12. More information in January newsletter.

## COMING IN JANUARY MAKING DISCIPLES CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class will start in January. We will be using the Making Disciples Curriculum by William Willimon (retired UMC Bishop). *Making Disciples* is a 13-session mentor-based confirmation program that pairs confirmands with adult mentors and guides them through a variety of learning experiences that will strengthen the student's understanding of the faith while connecting him or her with the community of believers in a personal way.

If you are an adult interested in helping to shape and mold those who will lead our church in the future by becoming a mentor for this 13-week class, please see Pastor Steve. We will have training in December or early January.

## Acolyte Training

Are you in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade?

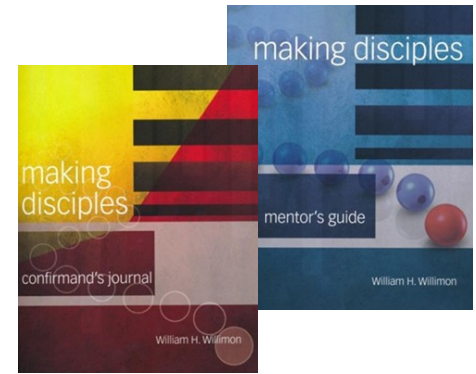
Are you interested in serving the church as an Acolyte?

There will be upcoming training sessions and we would love to have you be a part of this ministry of the church!

Please contact the church office to add your name to the list or Kim Walter at [kwalter@illinoisalumni.org](mailto:kwalter@illinoisalumni.org) if you have additional questions!

*<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.*

—Luke 2: 8-10



- 1 – Phillip Hargrave, Kinley Williams, Red & Ferris Davis
- 3 – Abby Cummins-VanScoy
- 5 – Mike Eisle, Teri Ford
- 7 – Amanda Paul
- 8 – Gordon Esbeck
- 9 – Mark Lukemyres
- 10 – Christopher McKinney, Kay Miller
- 12 – Ken & Deb McKay
- 13 – Nancy Burroughs
- 14 – Judy Ohrt, Colbie Schultz, Corby & Angela Swick
- 15 – Adam Calonder, Bobbie Lieser
- 16 – Kingston Person
- 17 – Kris Kuehl, Dustin Morden
- 18 – Jim Jorgensen, Caden Schultz, Keaton Schultz, Nate & Kim Anderson
- 19 – Lonnie Krenz
- 20 – Drew Oberfrank, Jada Schmidt, Josie Slach
- 21 – Steven Eiler, Derek Nebergall, Lea Stonebraker
- 23 – Cameron Wallick, Ray & Judith Linder
- 24 – Scott Anderson
- 25 – Allan Baird, Ron Burroughs, Todd Swick
- 26 – Red Davis, Greg Royer, Ryne Schroeder
- 27 – Judy Rouse
- 28 – Les Boots, Tucker Ormsby
- 29 – Marjorie Stonerook
- 30 – Jenny Boldt, Carly Paustian, Mike & Connie Semotan
- 31 – Lisa Allen, Noah Johnson, Jen Royer, Irene Wood

(Please contact the church office for additions and/or corrections.)

Soon-To-Be Pastor Melinda during a Children's Time



3rd Annual Soup Lunch and Auction

## October:

Worship attendance: 350

## October Giving:

General Fund	\$13,447.26
Upper Room/GIG Books	23.00
Apportionments	125.00
Leaving A Legacy	15.00
LF Preschool Teacher Salary	1,309.02
Missions	90.00
Copper Kettle	135.62
Kitchen Fund	195.00
College Connections	573.00
Trustees - Income Garage Rent	40.00
Trustees—Contingency Fund	747.66
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$16,700.56</b>

## November (through Nov 19)

Worship attendance: 296

## November Giving (as of Nov 19)

General Fund	\$12,092.57
60 Second Offering	20,943.96
Upper Room/GIG Books	12.00
Apportionments	175.00
Leaving A Legacy	15.00
LFP Contribution	200.00
LF Preschool Teacher Salary	1,309.02
Missions	65.00
Copper Kettle	161.80
Mission Soup Luncheon	599.00
Thanksgiving Offering	382.50
Missions Auction	6287.00
Trustee Contingency Fund	2,824.59
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$45,167.44</b>

Year-to-Date Total Giving: \$244,012.60

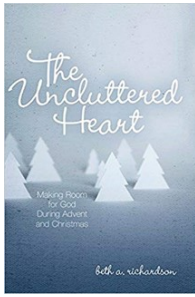
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving: \$163,439.23



How much money can we collect in 60 seconds? Well, the answer is \$20,943.96.

Thank you to all who contributed to this effort. We stepped up to the challenge and exceeded our expectations. Blessings to each and every one of you.

**Leadership Council** meeting is December 17 at 6:45 pm.



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS STUDY—Starting Sunday, December 1

Our Advent Study this year will extend into the Christmas Season as well. We will be studying the work of Beth Richardson, using her text *The Uncluttered Heart: Making*

*Room for God During Advent and Christmas.*

Pastor Steve will be leading the class on Sunday, Dec. 1, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15, Monday, Dec. 23, and Sunday, Dec. 29. Blue Christmas will be on Dec. 22.

Pastor will lead other classes by arrangement. Please let him know soon so we can order your books.

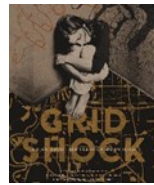
## Church Leadership for 2020

Our Annual Church Conference is done for 2019. Our new slate of officers for the church have been elected and will take over January 1, 2020. If you weren't at the conference, your new Leadership Council will be:

Lay Leader and Council Chair: Berrie Glick  
Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair: Joyce Slach  
Missions Team Chairs: TBD  
Finance Team Chair: Jeff McKinney  
Financial Secretaries: Ginny Cummins,  
Carolyn Wood  
Treasurer: Greg Brown  
Trustees: To elect their President at the January Meeting  
Memorial Committee: Lois Salmonson  
Spiritual Formation Ministries: Melinda Stonebraker  
Lay Members to Annual Conference: Berrie Glick,  
Mindy Williams  
Creative Worship: TBD  
Caring Ministries: TBD

We are looking for Someone Else (oh, wait, the obituary). In the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah we read that Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me."

Your church is asking, "Who will serve?" Are you ready to answer as Isaiah did, "Send me!"



## January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Mark your calendars: *Gridshock* showing January 19 and January 21 in Tipton

*Gridshock* is a documentary film that takes a hard look at sex trafficking in Iowa, interviewing survivors, prosecutors, buyers, and more. A screening of this important film will be held in Tipton in January. Please consider joining us to watch, learn, discuss, and consider what we can do. The film is an hour long, followed by discussion.

**When:** 2:00–4:00 pm, Sunday, January 19 and 6:30–8:30 pm, Tuesday, January 21. You can attend either or both showings.

**Where:** Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 120 W 7th St, Tipton

**Questions:** Contact Melinda Stonebraker (563-889-0468) or Pastor Beth Wartick (563-886-2991)

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** This documentary contains adult content as it investigates sex trafficking and may trigger survivors of sexual assault. Due to the nature of the documentary, parents must accompany minors and the filmmakers do not recommend for children under 16.

If you or a loved one have been a victim of trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at (888) 373-7888 or text "help" to 233733.



## Check This Out . . .

Music has always been my go-to when I feel like everything is going to (you know) in a hand basket. Check out this song by Casting Crowns "Peace On Earth".

If you have a favorite song or poem that you would like to share, please let me know [mjheil@ezrasoft.com](mailto:mjheil@ezrasoft.com). I'll share it in upcoming newsletters.



## Liturgists

- 1 – Barb Rickard
- 8 – Mary McKinney
- 15 – Berrie Glick
- 22 – Judy Rouse
- 29 – Betty Russell

## Power Point (run)

- 1 – Tiffany Priebe
- 8 – Melissa Roth
- 15 – Lea Stonebraker
- 22 – Ryan Stonebraker
- 29 – Adam Heil

## Fellowship Coffee Barb Rickard, Coord

- 1 – Joyce Slach, Heil family
- 8 – Wayne & Jo Brown, Ray & Judy Linder
- 15 – Jenny Boldt family
- 22 – Volunteers Needed
- 29 – Volunteers Needed

## Greeters

- 1 – Gary & Michelle O’Leary
- 8 – Steve & Cheryl Person
- 15 – Ken & Lorna Muller
- 22 – Bob & Becky Young
- 29 – Adam & Katie Rippentrop

## Nursery

- 1 – Bob Young
- 8 – Volunteer Needed
- 15 – Mary McKinney
- 22 – Kris Clark
- 29 – Cheryl Person

## Ushers

- 1 – Ron & Lois Salmonson, Karen Strefling, Dee Wallace
- 8 – Ruel & Jan Wehde, Chris & Kiley Schultz
- 15 – Larry & Kathy Houstman, Judy Ohrt, Larry Hanon
- 22 – Adam & Amy Colander, Wayne & Ann Neville
- 29 – Bob & Glenda Holets, Rick & Judy Rouse

## Communion Stewards – Donna G. Coord.

- 1 – Karen Strefling

## Acolytes Kim Walter, Coordinator

- 1 – Lea Stonebraker & Anton Slach
- 8 – Braydon Calonder & Noah Johnson
- 15 – Alicia & Jenae Walter
- 22 – Justin & Brooke Boedeker
- 29 – TBD

We have created this Sunday Servant schedule to run through December. Please check this schedule and mark your calendar. If your name is not on here, you may have missed the Sundays when we did sign ups. We would be ecstatic to have more people sign up. We often need last minute substitutes. Please contact Becky Young, [bbyoung49@gmail.com](mailto:bbyoung49@gmail.com), 563-357-1245 or Lois Salmonson, [sron263@aol.com](mailto:sron263@aol.com), 563-886-2315 if you would like to participate.

If you immediately or eventually see a conflict, please try to trade with someone else on the list. If you need a phone number or email address, please look in the church pictorial directory or contact the church office, [office@tiptonumc.org](mailto:office@tiptonumc.org)

**USHERS** – We have a detailed outline of instructions on the back table in the sanctuary. Please arrive 25 minutes early to check instructions and usher. There are a couple recent changes:

1. Make sure there are 4 offering plates on the altar. For the general offering, all 4 ushers go down the center aisle to pick up plates from the minister. The two on the outside go left or right, the other two up the middle starting at the FRONT. Copper Kettle Offering: Three ushers will go forward, one down the middle and two on the outside aisles moving toward the back. When all is collected two ushers bring the plates and the Copper Kettle offering forward and place them on the altar. On Communion Sunday the plates should be placed on the pedestals on each side of the sanctuary for people to place their offering in them as they pass by.
2. Acolytes light the candles after the Pastor has gone forward and the Prelude has been played. They light candles at the beginning of the first hymn. When the acolytes return they should ring the church bell SEVEN times.

**GREETERS** – Please arrive 30–45 minutes early. Your name tags will be on the radiator in the entry. Please be aware of newcomers. If they have children make them aware of the nursery, activity bags, restrooms, changing tables etc. Make sure the ushers are aware they are newcomers too. More detailed instructions are on the table in back of the sanctuary.

**LITURGIST** – You will receive a copy of the scripture for the service by email. There will also be a copy of the scripture on the lectern you may use. Feel free to sit in the chair behind the lectern or with the congregation.

**NURSERY** – Please be available at least 15 minutes before the service. If no children arrive, please be aware that children may want to go to the nursery after the children’s sermon.

**POWER POINT** – If you have been assigned to help run the slides for the PowerPoint, please arrive in the balcony several minutes before the service begins. If you have questions or want some training contact Brian Heil, [bheil@ezrasoft.com](mailto:bheil@ezrasoft.com)



# December Calendar



## Every Sunday

8:00 am Prayer

9:00 am to 9:45 am

Children's Sunday

School and Adult

GIGs

9:45–10:00 am

Fellowship in the

Gathering Place

10:00–11:15 am

Worship

11:15 am Fellowship

Dates and times are subject to change. Go to our website for current information.

## Monday, December 2

6:45 pm Missions Meeting

## Tuesday, December 3

1:00 pm GIG

## Wednesday, December 4

6:30 pm SPRC Meeting

6:30 pm GIG

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 5

9:30 am Communion @

Cedar Manor

10:00 am GIG

## Friday, December 6

3:30–4:30 pm Mobile Food

Pantry

## Sunday, December 8

2:00–7:00 pm Missions Meal

Prep (Kitchen)

6:00 pm Dominoes

## Tuesday, December 10

1:00 pm GIG

## Wednesday, December 11

1:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm GIG

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 12

10:00 am GIG

## Saturday, December 14

11:00 am–12:00 pm Shared

Blessings

## Sunday, December 15

6:00 pm Children's Christmas

Program

## Monday, December 16

Newsletter Deadline

3:00 pm Circle of Friends

6:00 pm–7:30 pm Girl Scouts

## Tuesday, December 17

1:00 pm GIG

6:45–7:45 pm Leadership

Council Meeting

## Wednesday, December 18

6:30 pm GIG

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 19

10:00 am GIG

6:30 pm Trustees

6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

## Saturday, December 21

8:00–11:00 am Josie Slach's

Birthday Breakfast

## Tuesday, December 24

1:00 pm GIG

2:00 pm Prairie Hills Worship

## Wednesday, December 25

Church Office Closed

## Thursday, December 26

10:00 am GIG

6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

## Saturday, December 28

11:00 am–12:00 pm Shared

Blessings

## Tuesday, December 31

1:00 pm GIG

## Can't Make Worship?

### Visit the Website.

Weekly sermons and bulletins are posted at [tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org).

If you miss worship, catch up at the website [tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org).

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



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## December Events

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| Dec. 6 — HACAP Mobile Food Pantry      | Dec. 16 — Circle of Friends   |
| Dec. 8 — Dominoes                      | Dec. 18 — Newsletter Deadline |
| Dec. 14 — Shared Blessings             | Dec. 28 — Shared Blessings    |
| Dec. 15 — Children's Christmas Program |                               |



**Mission Statement:**  
**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

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