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# United Methodist News

December 2020



*And Happy New Year From Your Church Staff*

A child is born to us!  
A son is given to us!  
And he will be our  
ruler.  
He will be called,  
“Wonderful Counsel  
or,”  
“Mighty God,”  
“Eternal Father,”  
“Prince of  
Peace.”



## Worship Services are Suspended

*In person worship services are suspended until further notice*

In-person worship has been suspended until at least January 10. However, you can view the latest recorded service by visiting the church website at [tiptonumc.org](http://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. Spread the word!

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

# Between Sundays

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Dear Friends,

Well it has happened – once again we have decided to do worship online only. It was a tremendously hard and heartbreaking decision to make, made even harder with the Christmas season upon us. But with the COVID numbers we are seeing, the advice that came from the Conference office, and the Governors new mandates, I still think it was the right decision. The good news is Christmas will come regardless of our situation and once again God will be in our midst. In the midst of this pandemic we have a bit of a problem here at the church. As of January 1 we will be without some key leadership. We will be without a Lay Leader and we won't have a Trustee chair. The leadership has worked hard to fill these positions, but for a variety of good reasons, many said no. I understand why, in the midst of a pandemic, some may choose to not serve in these capacities. But I also understand that in the midst of a pandemic Key leadership is vitally important. So with this newsletter article I am asking you to prayerfully consider if you can provide the needed leadership to help the church in its ministry for God.

Currently the Lay leader covers three important areas:

\* **Lay leader** – working with the pastor to strengthen ministry with the pastor and congregation

\* **Chair of Lay Leadership Council** – provide leadership for these meetings.

\* **Lay Member to Annual Conference** – attend Annual Conference and help make important decisions for our denomination in Iowa.

As I have said this position covers these three areas. I would be overjoyed to have someone willing to cover all three, but I would also be willing to split it up, as is the case in most churches. Please prayerfully consider how you can be best used and let me know.

We also need a Trustee chair. The Trustees are the committee in charge of the church building. Making sure that it is in working order. The Trustee chair will chair meetings and work with some gifted people in taking care of our church.

Both of these positions are of vital importance to the church and its ministries. Is God calling you to serve in one of these capacities. Please, please, please pray about it and if you feel a nudge from God, call either myself or Greg and let us know. God will be moving us in blessed ways in the future but we will need lay leadership to help make it happen. May it be so. Amen.

Pastor Jay



Global Ministries, the worldwide mission and development agency of The United Methodist Church, invites members to give **love, joy, hope and peace** through a denomination wide year-end giving campaign. Global Ministries connects the church in mission through evangelism and church revitalization, missionaries, global health, and disaster response and recovery. Every contribution makes a difference in this important work.

Gifts to the campaign can be made at [umcmission.org/givelove](https://umcmission.org/givelove). For additional information, contact [donationhelp@umcmission.org](mailto:donationhelp@umcmission.org).

## Make A Difference Sunday

On Sunday, November 8, nine hearty souls took advantage of a beautiful fall day and raked four yards, cleaned off flower beds and put away lawn furniture.

Thank you to all who helped and especially to Larry and Kathy for the ice cream afterwards!

**Thank you** for the care package containing a craft, popcorn, cider packet, and Kleenex. With finals quickly approaching, it was very nice to receive a stress reliever.

I hope all is well, and you are all able to get outside and enjoy this beautiful weather!

Sara Webb

Wartburg College-Class of 2024

## Financials

This has certainly been a tough year for all of us, the church is no exception. Finances were going great until COVID-19 hit. In April the church applied and received a loan from the government for \$14,606.55. This was to assist us with payroll expenses. This has been a lifesaver for us. We are currently waiting for a reply to have this loan forgiven. In September our income barely met our payroll. October was better, but we still have a large apportionment bill to pay (\$20,688.50). I just wanted all of you to be aware of our commitments and current situation. On the positive side, our budget for 2021 is about \$10,000 less than 2020. This is due to the Iowa Conference making drastic cuts in their budget therefore lowering our apportionments. Thank you for your commitment to the Tipton Methodist Church.

- Sue Thumma, Treasurer

**October Contributions** - \$18,946.93

**October Expenses** - \$13,192.70

**Apportionments paid** - \$14,777.50 of \$35,466.00

**Annual budget** - \$225,688.51 of which \$138,728.57 has been collected.

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**Since we are closed giving online is an option**

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

**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,  
Pastor Jay and Pastor Terra.

**Individuals & Families experiencing loss:**

The family of Betty Carpenter (Donna Gault's sister),  
Family of Herb LaMaack (Alberta Wagaman's brother-in-law).

**Coronavirus:**

Twyla LaMaack family (Alberta Wagaman's sister)

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

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Carrol Amundson

(Pastor Jay's father),  
Bill Brown (Greg's father),  
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).





# Missions

## 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.

Because we are asked to limit our presence at the church, we will be sending out a list of the gift requests. Please call the church and let them know which items you would like to purchase so there are no duplicates. We ask that you wrap your gift and return it to the church with a tag so we know to whom it goes to. Please have your gifts returned to the church by December 16 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.



## Mobile Pantry Distribution Changes

The Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled to be at First UMC Tipton on Friday, December 4, 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.



Watch for a signup sheet and list of items needing done coming to a breezeway near you.

The Trustees are asking for assistance again this year with the “Fall Cleaning Project” for the church building.



**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

**Saturday, December 12  
Saturday, December 26  
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, December 4  
3:30 – 4:30 pm  
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](http://www.hacap.org)**

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

This should be the motto  
for every follower of Jesus Christ:  
**Never stop praying,**  
no matter how dark  
and hopeless it may seem.

—Rev. Billy Graham



### 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 December 4? 8–8:30 am in the UCC parking lot. Reach out to the office to add your name to the list.



### High Schoolers

Knowing that high school is a busy time but also a time when young people are thinking about what matters to you, what kind of adults you want to be, and how you relate to the world, we're going to try every-other week youth group for the rest of this year. I hope that will give enough consistency to be easy to remember while not adding yet another "thing" to your already-busy schedules. We'll keep our meetings to an hour, 7–8pm. We'll be at the Lutheran church basement, since that gives us enough room to spread out as needed on these dates:

December 2

December 16

Hope to see you there!

### Carroll Mitchell Scholarship

Application opens up on 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. Contact the office for more information or go to <https://iumf.org/scholarships/um-college-scholarships/>

### Carroll Mitchell Ministry Scholarship

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

Please see website for requirements for both scholarships.

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## December Events

Dec. 4 — HACAP Mobile Food  
Pantry

Dec. 12 — Shared Blessings

Dec. 16 — Newsletter Deadline

Dec. 25 — **CHRISTMAS!**

Dec. 26 — Shared Blessings

# Have Faith

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

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