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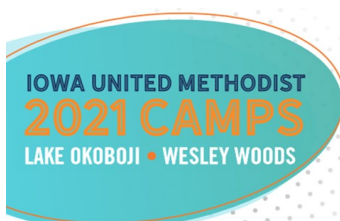


United Methodist News

March 2021



Come join us Sunday mornings at 9 am
Preschool through 6th grade!



REGISTER ONLINE: www.iaumc.org/camps

Worship

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.

Spread the word if you know someone who would like to worship with us!

 A joyful heart is
good medicine Proverbs 17:22

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Dear Friends,

As I look out the window in front of my computer desk I am witnessing a fresh layer of snow on the window sill. I'm on the second floor and still there is enough snow on the window sill that it affects my view. Thankfully the storm wasn't as bad as they thought it might be and it came in the afternoon so we were able to worship in person – yay! But still it was more snow in late February and by this time we are getting tired of it, especially this winter.

But the difference between today and at the beginning of December is that we know that there is hope just around the corner. Even today there are blue skies and the promise of mid-30's for at least the next three days. So instead of complaining about snow we will be complaining about slush.

I am a person who truly loves the different seasons – yes, all of them. And as much as I enjoy the seasons I think I enjoy the changing of the seasons even more. I just find it fascinating watching nature do its thing as it prepares for whatever is next. The Winter-Spring change is probably my favorite as you watch the snow slowly disappear, the days grow longer and warmer, and then the trees start to bud. Then one day those buds open up and it seems like in an instant the trees have a full canopy.

Lent is a kind of changing of the season as well. It is a time in which we prepare ourselves. In the spring we dig in the garden to prepare the earth for the seeds that are to be planted. In the same way we attend Ash Wednesday services to have Ash applied to our foreheads to prepare us for the journey of Lent. When the earth is warm enough we plant the seeds. In Lent we plant our own seeds through Bible study, prayer, service, and other means that help us grow closer to God. Then as the days grow warmer, and the rain falls lightly on the garden we begin to see tiny buds and there is great celebration. At the end of Lenten journey, we hopefully see growth and we celebrate with Easter. Halleluia! May your Lenten journey be one of growth and joy this season.

Pastor Jay

Hospitalized/Procedures: Grace Boynton, Ken Gould, Ila Wagaman (Alberta's great-granddaughter)

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, 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:

Greg & Sandy Brown

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

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

Hospice/Palliative Care: Carroll Amundson (Pastor Jay's father)

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

Thursday Morning GIG

The regular Thursday morning 10:00 am GIG started meeting in person again in the Gathering Place. They are participating in the Lenten Bible Study using the book "Surrounded by Grace". Please feel free to come in and join the group! You do not need to be a regular member to attend. The books are available through the office.

Missions

2020 Mission Summary

This past year has been a tough one to say the least but our church is blessed with people who care. Whether it is helping with time, food, or funds, everyone helps to make a difference. Thank you everyone for being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ during 2020!

Shared Blessings: •665 Hours •816 Meals Served

HACAP Hosting: •192 Hours •8 Volunteers •1,512 Served

Benevolence: Gift Cards for food and gas

Angel Tree: 2 Families (16 people)

Fundraisers

- Covid Relief Food Boxes – \$700
- FFA Thanksgiving Meal Kits – \$200
- Angel Tree Families – \$780
- Angel Tree Benevolence – \$200

Community Work Day: 5 Lawns and gutters with 9 people volunteering

Thanksgiving Ingathering: 19 kits for \$228 in-kind value

UMCOR Covid Relief: \$1,500

HACAP Covid Relief: \$200

South Sudan Flood Relief: \$500

Special Offerings

- Thanksgiving
- Christmas

Mobile Pantry Distribution Changes

The Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled to be at First UMC Tipton on Friday, March 5, 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.



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

Saturday, March 13
Saturday, March 27
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.

Arise, Shine,
for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD
rises upon you.
Isaiah 60:1



HACAP Mobile Food Truck
Friday, March 5

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

Income Eligibility
Guidelines Apply

www.hacap.org

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 – Jeff Ormsby, Kathy Vance,
Roger & Karen Regennitter
- 2 – Eldon Beers, Franklin Bierman,
Jack Shipley, Merlyn & Helen Timm
- 3 – Phil Seydel, Hannah Smith
- 4 – Katie Shaull
- 5 – Ken Gould, Alexander Wright
- 7 – Blair Nebergall
- 9 – Mary Kathryn Gault-Allen, Robert Glick,
Mary McKinney
- 10 – Kevin Anderson, Betty Elijah
Dorie Kordick-Wanek,
Rich Urban & Kiaya Rickard-Urban
- 11 – Caroline Wright
- 12 – Katie Rippentrop
- 13 – Alaina Butler, Ellen Fear, Lily Johnson,
Todd Smith
- 14 – Sherry Schmidt
- 15 – Jesse Lieser
- 16 – Cortney Curry, David Waugh,
Kevin & Dawn Spickermann
- 18 – Lynn Gallagher
- 19 – Garry O’Leary, Nicole Paul,
Marc Weaver, Rick & Judy Rouse
- 20 – Erik Eisele, Alisha & Josh Hubler
- 21 – Roberta Gesling
- 22 – Lesley Puffer, Craig & Kimberly
Regennitter
- 23 – Adam Fitch, Judy Linder,
Michelle Smith
- 25 – Dave Fetterman
- 26 – Chase Timmerman
- 27 – Carmen Hoffman
- 28 – Amelia Cundiff
- 29 – Carly Puffer
- 31 – Alvin & Mary Wright

Hello!



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 March 5? 8–8:30 am in the UCC parking lot. Reach out to the office to add your name to the list.

www.tiptonumc.org

Thank You

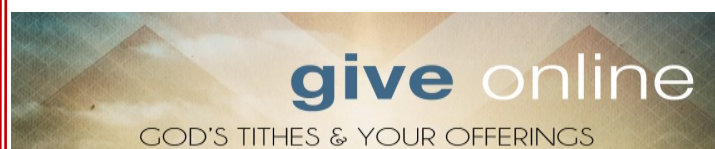
Thank you so much for the care package of candy, a pen, post it notes, and a reminder that Jesus loves all.

Stay warm,
Sara Webb

Wartburg college—Class of 2024

Financials

January Contributions	\$20,827.19
January Expenses	\$12,964.89
Apportionments paid year-to-date:	\$2,350.33



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.

March Calendar

Every Sunday

9:00 am to 9:50 am

Children's Sunday

School and Adult GIGs

10:00–11:15 am

Worship



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

Monday, March 1

6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study

6:45 pm Missions Meeting

Wednesday, March 3

6:00 pm SPRC Meeting

6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, March 4

10:00 am GIG

Friday, March 5

3:30 – 4:30 pm Mobile Food
Pantry

Monday, March 8

6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday, March 10

1:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, March 11

10:00 am GIG

6:30 pm Trustees

Saturday, March 13

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Shared
Blessings

Sunday, March 14

UMCOR Sunday

Monday, March 15

6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study

Tuesday, March 16

6:30 pm Leadership Council
Meeting

Wednesday, March 17

Newsletter Deadline

6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, March 18

10:00 am GIG

Monday, March 22

6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday, March 24

8:00 am Holy Folders
(Tentative)

6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, March 25

10:00 am GIG

Saturday, March 27

11 am–12 pm
Shared Blessings

Wednesday, March 31

6:30 pm GIG



So do not fear,
for I am with you;
do not be dismayed,
for I am your God.

I will **strengthen**
you and **help** you;
I will uphold you
with my righteous
right hand.

-Isaiah 41:10



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Visit the Website.

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online at tiptonumc.org.

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

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March Events

Mondays — 6:30pm Lenten bible
Study

Mar. 5 — HACAP Mobile Food
Pantry

Mar. 13 — Shared Blessings

Mar. 17 — Newsletter Deadline

Mar. 24 — Holy Folders (tentative)

Mar. 27 — Shared Blessings

Have Faith

Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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