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United Methodist News

May 2021



Paul Frederiksen and Jane Moen are retiring June 2021 from Spencer Grace United Methodist Church.

Paul and Jane served at Tipton First United Methodist Church from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2016. Prayers are invited as they navigate this transition in life. They will be moving to Cedar Falls in May. Cards and notes may be sent to:

311 2nd Ave, Spencer, IA 51301 (until May 20)

OR

1815 Quail Run Lane, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

Your help in making this time special is appreciated.

Church Staff

Pastor - **Jay Amundson**

Administrative Ministries

Coordinator - **Greg Brown**

Custodian - **Don Griffith**

Chancel Choir

Director - **Luke Johnston**

Piano/Organ - **Jo Brown, Dee Wallace**

Little Friends Preschool

Director and Teacher - **Amber Brown**

Xn Chaos Director - **Greg Brown**

Bishop of the Iowa Annual
Conference - **Laurie Haller**

Northeast District

Superintendent - **Moody Colorado**

Ministers of Jesus Christ

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



During the coronavirus pandemic and with the precautions we are taking to keep us all safe, we have seen a decline in our weekly contribution income over the past few months. Unfortunately, the bills haven't slowed down any! We are asking that you prayerfully

consider either mailing in your usual tithe for the month of May and if possible an increase from your usual. You can also go online and donate by following the "Give Now" option at the top of our website.

Tithing on a regular basis not only supports the work we do here at the First United Methodist Church, it also supports local missions, our community, and helps people around the world. It also shows an obedience to God by making his work a financial priority in your life. Your financial gifts make it known that you are putting God first.

We earnestly appreciate your ongoing support and want to let you know we're here for you. If there's ever anything we can do for you and your family, don't hesitate to reach out. You are a valued member of our church family. Your continued financial support of the church's mission is making a difference.



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Between Sundays

Dear Friends,

This month I would like to give my space up to our Bishop as she reflects on the verdict of the Derek Chauvin trial. Let her words ring true as we all look for ways to live our Christian life.

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*The effect of righteousness will be peace and the result of righteousness, quietness, and trust forever.*

Isaiah 32:17, NRVS

The words of Isaiah are on my heart as I search my soul for peace and understanding during this time of deadly tensions, the COVID-19 pandemic, political divisiveness, and racism. This afternoon we heard the announcement of the conviction of Derek Chauvin on all counts in the death of George Floyd.

The tragic, racially charged, and unnecessary death of Floyd at the hands of four Minneapolis police officers is only one flare-up of the racial pandemic. Last week we heard of the death of Daunte Wright as the result of gunfire from a police officer in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. The list of Black lives who have been needlessly killed grows each day. The pervasive culture of racism and white supremacy, increasingly incited by political rhetoric, grows each day. The fear among parents of Black children grows each day. The flaunting of our laws against racial profiling and discrimination grows each day. How do we respond?

We love God. We love God as we study the scriptures, offer praise to God, confess our sins, return thanks for our blessings, and walk humbly.

We love our neighbor. We cannot love God whom we have never seen if we do not love our neighbor whom we have seen (I John 4). Love of neighbor is allowing the other person to tell the story of their suffering and trauma. Love of neighbor means pursuing justice, as systems and structures harm individuals.

Love of God and neighbor is the very definition of personal and social holiness for a United Methodist. John Wesley stated this clearly in "A Plain Account of Christian Perfection." Let us all be models of personal and social holiness in our expressions of faith and action.

I call all upon all United Methodists to claim our witness as Wesleyan Christians to stand against such hateful violence. Toward that end, we affirm

these words found in the Preamble to our Social Principles:

Grateful for God's forgiving love, in which we live and by which we are judged, and affirming our belief in the inestimable worth of each individual, we renew our commitment to become faithful witnesses to the Gospel, not alone to the ends of the earth, but also the depth of our common life and work. (The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church p. 106)

My profound hope is that our response to this verdict will be lived out in our common life and work in our churches and the larger community in ways that reflect the reconciling love of Christ. So I pray:

Lord, I come before you to pour out my worries, anxieties, and fears at Your feet. I am claiming and declaring Your promise of blessings of peace and strength for every one of your precious children. Bring harmony into our world, our country, our communities and neighborhoods, and our souls. Let us understand that your love and peace passes all worldly understanding and make me a light for others to see Your strength. Let peace begin with me and in my heart. Amen.

In Christ's love,  
Bishop Laurie Haller



Our education wing is in dire need of a new roof! We have had it inspected and the results were not good.

It is in need of immediate attention!

It will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000 to replace. Your Leadership Council and Trustees will be launching a Capital Campaign soon to raise the necessary funds. Watch for details.

In the meantime, if you have questions, reach out to Lois Salmonson or Laura Hembry.

# Missions

## Mission Auction – June 20

We are gearing up for our annual auction to support mission projects! This year all money raised will go to camp scholarships! We want to send as many kids to camp as possible.

We just cannot wait till fall so the plan is to have it June 20 (rain date will be June 27) out on the front lawn of the church.

Grilled sandwiches will be served after church with the auction starting at 12:00 pm.

Items will include crafts, wood projects, baked goods, repurposed items, antiques, needle work and more! If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the church starting June 1. You may also contact one of the missions members if you need help getting your items to the church.

Watch for more information to come! Mark your calendar! It's sure to be a fun time!



**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

**Saturday, May 8  
Saturday, May 22  
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.

When you live with **hope** in your **heart**, **mind**, and **spirit**, you have discovered one of life's most powerful secrets of success  
–Norman Vincent Peale

## Camp Sunday!

It's time to start thinking about summer camp and we would like to give every student that wants to go the opportunity!



Sunday, May 9 will be dedicated to learning about all the summer church camps available. During Sunday School we will learn about the activities and events offered by several camps. There will also be games and camp snacks! During worship Luke Johnston will offer up more information and talk about what students have to look forward to when they go to camp.

Our mission is to send every student that wants to go to camp at no cost to the family. We are also offering rides to and from camp. Please join us on Sunday, May 9 and discover how fun camp can be as you make new friends and grow closer to God.

## Mobile Pantry Distribution Changes

The Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled to be at First UMC Tipton on Friday, May 7, 3:30–4:30 pm. We are still following the procedures listed below because of the COVID-19 virus.

- 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.



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck  
Friday, May 7**

**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

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- 1 – Wayne Brown
- 2 – Larry Glick, Keith Wood
- 3 – Pat Christensen
- 4 – Dave Hill
- 5 – Christine Boeve, Steven Miles
- 6 – Brett Eggert, Kathy Houstman,  
Nate & Katie Shaull
- 7 – Rebecca Boltz, Mary Bormann, Connie  
Smith, Nicole & Chris Paul
- 9 – Davis Butler, Alicia Geary, Kim Walter
- 10 – Kenadie Behne, Alvin Wright
- 11 – Steve Eiler, Neva Harper
- 15 – Gail Fleming, Brian & Amanda Schmidt
- 16 – Randy Amosson, Curtis Smith
- 17 – Becky Young
- 18 – Kaylee Driscoll, Ruel Wehde
- 19 – Amber Barnd, Linda Huff
- 20 – Don Griffith, Chris & Angie Keller
- 21 – Patricia Fankhauser, Laura Hembry
- 22 – Emily Beers
- 23 – Nathen Anderson, Brian Boedeker
- 24 – Kenzie Mente, Jason & Kim Walter
- 25 – Annette Lukemyres, Katie Neville
- 27 – Ashley Neville-Macoubrie, Merlyn Timm,  
Will Williams, Jennifer Wiskus-Rausch
- 28 – Savannah Brown, Patrick Gregory, Bailey  
Roth, Ethan Wulf, J. & Roberta Gesling
- 29 – Kelly Huston, Michelle O’Leary
- 30 – Kandi Graff, Kelley Pudinski,  
Finn Williams
- 31 – Rick Christensen

## Thank You

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Hello!

Happy Easter!

Thank you so much for the card and the Hershey’s milk chocolate bunny! I hope your Easter weekend is full of love and family!

Sara Webb

Wartburg College-Class of 2024



### First Friday Donuts – Last One for the School Year!

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 May 7, 8–8:30 am in the UCC parking lot? Reach out to the office to add your name to the list.

## Financials

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| March Contributions               | \$14,146.61  |
| March Expenses                    | \$19,255.23  |
| Apportionments paid year-to-date: | \$2,231.33   |
| Annual Budget:                    | \$214,363.00 |
| Year-to-Date Receipts:            | \$45,850.31  |
| Year-to-Date Expenses:            | \$50,910.70  |

## Prayers

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**Hospitalized/Procedures:** Grace Boynton,  
Jerry Ferguson, Rhonda Waugh

**Healing:** Alvin Baird (Lorna Muller’s brother-in-law), Jo Ann Beers, Nick Brown, Denise Cartwright, Barb Cawiezell, Glenn Eaton, Jerry Ferguson, Bob Gould, Ken Gould, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, half-brother and nephew of Deb Lowry, Deb McKay, Randy Nau, Mary Wright (Lois Salmonson’s sister)

**Prayers for those in Life Transitions:**

Alice Ann & Lisa Gallagher

**Individuals & Families experiencing loss:**

Larry Glick and family, Wayne & Ann Neville, Gary & Sue Thumma, Irene Wood

**In Treatment:** Ron Burroughs, Gail Donovan (Pam Spear’s sister), Tom Ehresman, Paul Esbeck (Gordon & Jan’s son), Clara Italiano, Karen (Gail Fleming’s sister), Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey’s granddaughter), Dorothy Thiele (Lois Salmonson’s sister), Chris Ward

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Carrol Amundson

(Pastor Jay’s father) Joe Cheshaeck (Gail Fleming’s brother-in-law)

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

# May 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, May 3

6:45 pm Missions Meeting

## Wednesday, May 5

6 pm SPRC Meeting

6:30 pm GIG

## Thursday, May 6

9:30 am Communion @

Cedar Manor

10 am GIG

6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

## Friday, May 7

3:30–4:30pm Mobile Food

Pantry

## Saturday, May 8

11 am–12 pm Shared

Blessings

## Wednesday, May 12

1:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm GIG

## Thursday, May 13

10 am GIG

6:30 pm Trustees

6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

## Monday, May 17

3 pm Circle of Friends

## Tuesday, May 18

6:30 pm Leadership Council

Meeting

## Wednesday, May 19

Newsletter Deadline

6:30 pm GIG

## Thursday, May 20

10 am GIG

6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

## Saturday, May 22

11 am–12 pm Shared

Blessings

## Tuesday, May 25

2 pm Prairie Hills Worship

(tentative)

## Wednesday, May 26

8 am Holy Folders (tentative)

6:30 pm GIG

## Thursday, May 27

10 am GIG

6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

## Can't Make Worship? Visit the Website.

Weekly sermons are posted at:

[tiptonumc.org](http://tiptonumc.org).

Watch the livestream  
on Sunday morning.

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:** [www.tiptonumc.org](http://www.tiptonumc.org)

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

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*all* the time.

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## May Events

May 7 — HACAP Mobile Food  
Pantry

May 8 — Shared Blessings

May 9 — Camp Sunday

May 19 — Newsletter Deadline

May 22 — Shared Blessings

May 26 — Holy Folders (tentative)

May 31 — Memorial Day

# Have Faith

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

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