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United Methodist News

June/July 2021

WOW !! What can happen in 60 seconds? I'll tell you what **MIRACLES!!** When we were made aware by the Trustees that the roof on the Educational Wing needed to be replaced at the cost of \$15,100. A few people put their heads together and came up with the idea of having a "60 second offering" to jump start this Capital Campaign. After sharing many ideas we mailed out letters to the entire membership of our church and set the date for the big happening of Sunday May 16th. With Brian Heil manning the clock and music we were off! In that 60 seconds the money and pledges and the offerings still coming we have been blessed with around \$18,000. With your generous support we will continue to have a safe comfortable place to further the Christian Education of our children. God's Blessings to you all!

Your Capital Campaign Committee

Mission Auction

Sunday, June 20

1st United Methodist Church Tipton

Lunch will be served at 11:15 am

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chips and Dessert

Auction begins at 12:00 pm

Crafts • Wood Projects • Baked Goods
Antiques • Needle-Work • Repurposed Items

All Proceeds from the auction will be
used to send kids to camp!

For a list of additional items, please visit our website: www.tiptonumc.org

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Between Sundays

Dear Friends,

Forgiveness is hard. Those are words that I feel I have written before – either here or at another church. I recently read an interesting article on forgiveness as it relates to the pandemic. My initial response to this hypothesis was, “as if the pandemic wasn’t hard enough, now I have to forgive it.” But of course there is more to it than that.

For a year plus we have been doing everything we can to be safe. Much of the time we were in survival mode as our lives were stripped of many of the conveniences we have become accustomed too. The stress has been hard, but we have kept it bottled up, and kept our heads down, just to be able to put one foot in front of the other.

But now as our world slowly begins to return to normal one of the things that is happening is that our toughened exterior is beginning to crack, resulting in a release of all those feelings we have been keeping hidden inside. The author of the article I was reading put it this way, “I think the tears were the beginning of me feeling all that has happened during covid more deeply. I think it was my spirit finally feeling safe enough to crack open the door and share what I’s been through.”

From that crack in your hardened exterior you may be feeling things like, feeling let down by loved ones who couldn’t be the resource you wanted them to be. Or you feel angry at your inability to be as resilient as you desired, or even let down by God, who let all this mess happen.

Who is it that you need to forgive in order to move on? I imagine, like me, it is probably a long and complicated list. And I imagine that forgiveness needs to go both ways, you need to forgive and you need to be forgiven. To be a forgiving people is part of our DNA, in Matthew 6:12–14, 18:21–35 God clearly asks that we forgive others as God has forgiven us. Nelson Mandela said, “resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies.”

And so let us move forward as a community of forgivers. May we forgive and receive forgiveness for ourselves, our church, our community, and our world. May we move forward, thankful for God’s blessing, faithfulness, and love. May it be so. Amen.

Pastor Jay Amundson

Financials

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 June or possibly 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.

www.tiptonumc.org



Missions

Calling All Campers!

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

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.



The two United Methodist camps are Lake Okoboji and Wesley Woods. You can get more information about the camps at www.iaumc.org/camps. Once you find the camp you would like to attend, go ahead and register. Make a copy of your registration and get that to the church office or one of the mission team members. At that time please let us know if you would also be needing a ride to/from camp so that can be arranged.

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends, enjoy the great outdoors, and learn more about the love of Jesus Christ.

Missions — Looking Forward

Our big project for the summer months will definitely be the auction on June 20 but there's no slowing down after that. In July we would like to do a Mission Work Week (or at least a couple of days). The plan is to do projects around Tipton. We would also like to make a trip up to Matthew 25, not only to help out but to see what this ministry is all about. Another place we would like to lend a hand would be Camp Courageous. All of this would be the week of July 19–23.

A few of us may organize this week but we are ALL the MISSIONS TEAM! If you would be interested in helping during part or all of this week, please let us know.

In August we will be collecting items needed for the Domestic Violence Shelter. Here is a little information from their web page.

Survivors often flee abuse with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Traumatized and fearful, they turn to organizations like Domestic Violence Intervention Program for refuge and to be provided everything they need to start over from bedding and towels to toothbrushes and shampoo.

More info will be sent out in August as to specific items that are needed at the shelter. Prayerfully consider helping out in any way possible.



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

Saturday, June 12

Saturday, June 26

Saturday, July 10

Saturday July 24

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, June 4

Friday, July 2

Questions?

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

Income Eligibility
Guidelines Apply

www.hacap.org



At Okoboji, Adventure Camp is the premier event!

Available for youth ages 9-17, all participants can expect to stay in a cabin with age-appropriate campers and awesome adult leaders. All Adventure Camps include your choice of activities through the famous Journey program and Camp Quest. Each session offers an exciting theme and no matter what you choose you'll find an adventure like no other!

Tucked away near Lake Ahquabi, you'll find 344 acres overlooking rolling hills in a woodland retreat. Wesley Woods Camp offers a chance to learn about God's creation. Live in tents, a log cabin, or a Sears & Roebuck home while cooking over a fire in Outpost camps or take a more modern approach with Inpost events. Wesley Woods is where campers make new friends, worship Christ, and have fun discovering how to grow into the people they were meant to be.

Vacation Bible School is back and better than ever! The dates are July 25-27, from 5:30–8 pm. The Calvary Four Square church will be hosting this year.

Our church is in charge of the outdoor games this year and we could use some help with this. We would like to have 3 to 4 helpers. No planning on your part; just show up, help with the games and best of all, Have Fun!!

There is also a need for crew leaders. Again, no planning involved. We just need people to lead a group of 6 or so kids to each activity.

Our church will also be in charge of serving the meal on July 26. We'll need a couple of people there to get things ready, then serve the light meal which will probably be hot dogs, chips and a drink.

If you could help in any of these areas, please let me know, Mary Jo Heil. By phone, 563.886.6795 or email, mjheil@ezrasoft.com. I encourage youth to volunteer also. You need to be 6th grade or older.

Come join in the fun as we sing, play and learn more about God's eternal power.



Prayer is the pulse of life.

–Andrew Murray



On Sunday, May 23, we celebrated the graduation of 15 Little Friends Preschool students! Congratulations to all!



Heavenly Father, Surround these young students who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Amen

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Jo Ann Beers, 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:

Greg & Sandy Brown

Individuals & Families experiencing loss:

In Treatment: Ron Burroughs, Gail Donovan (Pam Spear's sister), Tom Ehresman, Paul Esbeck (Gordon & Jan's son), Ken Gould, 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)



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 – Jenae Walter
- 2 – Barbara Smith, Jerod Timmerman,
Tom & Mary Ehresman
- 3 – Nanette Behrens
- 4 – Kyle McKinney, Iris Shaul
- 5 – Steve Emrich, Gordon & Jan Esbeck
- 6 – Heather Streffling
- 7 – Landan Hill, Robert Johnston, Bob
Rickard
- 8 – Donna Gault, Ron & Lois Salmonson
- 9 – Matthew Cartwright, Josh Eiler, Kim
Regennitter, Merlyn & June Beckler
- 10 – Joleen Carpenter, Roger DeWulf,
Brennan Esbeck, Frederick Smith,
Roger & Jany Dewulf, Garry & Michelle
O'Leary
- 11 – Teresa Esbeck, Lois Gardner, Ronald &
Dixie Martin
- 12 – Darick Albaugh, Kenadi Krenz, Deb
McKay, Kim Rekemeyer, Gage Schilling,
Cheryl Stark, Bob & Bonnie Butler,
Leon & Joleen Carpenter
- 13 – Amy Calonder, Alec Heil, Curtis Wendel
- 14 – Alexandria Hubler, Logan Smith, Amy &
Adam Calonder, Bob & Glenda Holets
- 15 – Kiaya Rickard-Urban, Elizabeth Wright,
Scott & Karen Anderson
- 16 – Ken Weaver
- 17 – Ronald Ahrens, Chad & Christy Schil-
ling
- 18 – Michelle Ford, Ken Schmidt, Rick Shu-
maker
- 19 – June Beckler, Chris Keller, Thomas
James & Lindsay Cundiff
- 20 – Hanna Schmidt, Morgan Wendel
- 21 – Timothy Chambliss
- 22 – Kim & Craig Rekemeyer
- 23 – Caroline Smith, Jan Wehde
- 24 – Sandy Brown, Lois Salmonson, Marlin
Wiskus, Sean & Angela Driscoll
- 25 – Angie Keller, Benji Thomas
- 26 – Tiger Emrich, McKenna Gade, Trina
Hill, Rick & Heidi Shumaker
- 27 – Drew Butler, Diane Eaton, Amanda
Schmidt, Kallie Wallick
- 27 – Steve & Vicki Daniel,
Michelle &
Brandon Ford
- 29 – Mona Johnson, Emmett Steinman
- 30 – Nate Shaul

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 – Bill & Teresa Esbeck
- 2 – Michelle Miles, Connie Semotan,
Betty Turner
- 3 – Justin Boedeker, Kaylynn Eiler,
Bob & Barb Rickard
- 4 – Ruth Clark
- 5 – Bruce Flory
- 6 – Lorna Muller
- 7 – Lee Curry
- 8 – Todd Huston, Kyler Wallick, Bruce &
Kandi Graff
- 9 – Sylvia Ferguson, Blake Schilling
- 10 – Barb Rickard, Chad Schilling,
Anton Slach
- 11 – Bailey Anderson, Stacy Emrich
- 12 – Richard Anderson, Wayne Behrens,
Marvin Miller, Kayla Walter, Mackenzie
Walter, Ron & Elizabeth Schroeder
- 13 – Allan Charette, Bailey Schmidt
- 14 – Finn Lindsey, Mindy Williams,
Shellby Wiskus, Jason & Carly Paustian
- 15 – J. Gesling, Lonnie & Robyn Nebergall
- 16 – Jeff McKinney, Mike Schmidt
- 17 – Kenley Fitch, Kyra Shaul
- 18 – Ben Emrich, Kelley Lieser, Sherry Wil-
ley, Calvin & Kris Kuehl
- 20 – Laura Webb
- 21 – Zoe Comstock, Les & Leanne Boots,
Brad & Kelly Wendel
- 22 – Cassandra Hembry, Wayne & Jo Brown
- 23 – Karen Johnson, Ken Muller
- 24 – Ashley Beers, James Morris
- 25 – Bob Young
- 26 – Meredith Coppess, Glenn Fear, Olivia
Hembry, Megan Leslie
- 27 – Bob Cummins, Ann Neville
- 28 – Chris Amosson, Jacob Boedeker,
Greg Brown
- 29 – Steve Shontz
- 30 – Cuba Flory, Murry & Renee Mente
- 31 – Madalynn Paul, Barbara Petersen, Kiley
Schultz

Remember who you are.
Don't compromise for anyone,
for any reason.
You are a child of the Almighty God.
Live that truth.

–Lysa Terkeurst

June Calendar

Every Sunday
10:00–11:15 am
Worship



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

Wednesday, June 2
6:00 pm SPRC Meeting
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, June 3
10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Friday, June 4
3:30 – 4:30 pm Mobile Food
Pantry

Monday, June 7
6:30 pm Missions Meeting

Wednesday, June 9
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, June 10
10 am GIG
6:30 pm Trustees
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, June 12
11am – 12pm Shared
Blessings

Tuesday, June 15
6:30 pm Leadership Council
Meeting

Wednesday, June 16
Newsletter Deadline
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, June 17
10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Sunday, June 20
11:15 am Mission Auction
and Lunch

Tuesday, June 22
2:00 pm Prairie Hills Worship

Wednesday, June 23
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, June 24
10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, June 26
11am – 12 pm Shared
Blessings

Wednesday, June 30
6:30 pm GIG

GOD is Good,
all the time.

Can't Make Worship? Visit the Website.

Watch the live stream on
Sunday morning.
tiptonumc.org.

The recording of weekly sermons
are also posted on our website.

If you want to give online,
that is available on our
website, too.

Give Online

Who: Anyone wanting to
give who has a bank ac-
count, 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 tourna-
ments, 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://](http://www.tiptonumc.org)
www.tiptonumc.org

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



COVID RECOVERY IOWA is here to help.

A pandemic and a derecho. Two things you did not ask for and definitely not the norm. In the aftermath, you still have to live your life.

You may be wondering what steps to take? **COVID Recovery Iowa** may be able to assist. Free, virtual services such as counseling, group education and stress reduction activities are available to you.

**WE HEAR YOU. WE SEE YOU.
WE ARE HERE TO HELP.**

COVID Recovery Iowa's counselors will assess your needs and make referrals to community-based disaster relief services and agencies to extend support services to you. www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org.
The site translates into 65 languages.

Iowa Warm Line 844-775-WARM (9276): Provides confidential access to peer counseling and can connect you upon request with **COVID Recovery Iowa** services. Provides confidential access to virtual counselors and information and referral services for a wide variety of topics, including COVID-19 services. Language interpretation service is available.

Iowa Concern: 800-447-1985: Provides confidential access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education focusing on rural and agricultural issues. Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge. Language interpretation service is available.

541-800-3687 Answered Live in Spanish:

Se responde en vivo en español. Proporciona acceso confidencial a consejeros virtuales, información, y una variedad de servicios de remisión que incluyen servicios relacionados a COVID19.

WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER EVEN IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES!



FEMA

www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org
844-775-WARM
800-447-1985
COVID Recovery Iowa
Info@covidrecoveryiowa.org



goodbye!

During worship on May 23 I announced my retirement effective June 1. Thank you everyone who attended my reception that day and for all of the very kind words and gifts. At the time of this writing my replacement has been chosen but the appointment has yet to be announced. Trust me, though, this person will do a fantastic job! My wife, Sandy, is also retiring after 22 years with the Tipton Schools as a paraeducator. We have sold our house and will be moving. We may stay in Tipton area or we may wind up moving closer to our grandkids. That's still up in the air. Please keep Sandy and I in your prayers as we enter into this new phase of our lives.

I have also had the pleasure of serving as the volunteer praise band director for 16 years. WOW! It's hard to believe that it's been that long. I'm not sure where the time went. The band has come a long way over that time. Over the years we have had over 38 people in the band....not all at once, of course!! Although, there was a time when we had as many as 12 active members at one time. Back then, our decision to add additional members was based solely on the capacity of the soundboard! I have seen people with varying degrees of musical abilities come and go, and I had always felt that if someone wanted to join, I needed to find a way for that to happen because Psalm 96 tells all of us to *"Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day."* How could I turn anyone away?

I can say without hesitation that both the office job and the praise band director gig have turned out to be two of the most fulfilling jobs I have ever had!

My life has changed for the better during this time and I pray that I have had a positive influence on my family, the congregation, and those who have heard God's word through my music, wherever that may have been!

Unlike most of you reading this, my walk with God began later in life. My work with the church has allowed me to develop and grow my relationship with God. It has been so fulfilling, educational and has provided me with a tremendous amount of personal growth in many ways. For that I say, "Thank You!" The decision to retire was a very difficult one to make. I hate to leave, but it's time.

The future of the praise band is up in the air, but I am praying that it continues on in one form or another. It looks as if I may be able to still sing and play a couple of times throughout this summer. We'll see what direction God takes the band after that.

I pray that this church and the people in it continue to be a positive force in our community and in the world. Our members are exceptional people whose compassion and faith in God is strong. I have seen firsthand the difference you are making and am proud to say I am a member of this church. You will be forever in my heart.

May God bless each of you and may God bless the First United Methodist Church of Tipton. Amen

Thank you everyone!

Greg

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June Events

**June 4 — HACAP Mobile Food
Pantry**

June 12 — Shared Blessings

**June 20 — Mission Auction &
Lunch**

June 16 — Newsletter Deadline

June 26 — Shared Blessings

July Events

**July 2 — HACAP Mobile Food
Pantry**

July 4 — INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 10 — Shared Blessings

July 21 — Newsletter Deadline

July 24 — Shared Blessings

July 28 — Holy Folders

Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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