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Little Friends Preschool

Director and Teacher - **Daisy Little**

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Superintendent - **Moody Colorado**

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



# United Methodist News

November 2021

## Thank you Clergy!

A note from Bishop Laurie

Thank You

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

On behalf of all of the local churches in the Iowa and Dakotas Annual Conferences, I want to thank you for your

support and encouragement of your clergy. It is not an easy calling to be a pastor, particularly during this time of COVID, when our clergy have had to continually reinvent themselves in ministry in order to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ and stay connected with their parishioners.

Our clergy have a myriad of responsibilities that can be daunting. First and foremost is preparing a worship service and a sermon for every Sunday. Pastoral care is also a critical part of a pastor's job description, and I know that has been a challenge over the past year and a half because of COVID restrictions. Our clergy have learned how to conduct Bible studies and meetings by Zoom. They have done virtual counseling and have found ways to connect with shut-ins. One of the things that especially warms my heart is the creative evangelism and outreach that is taking place in our communities.

Did you know that congregations are also called to care for your pastors? Over 125 years ago, churches would give their new pastor "a good pounding"! Sound good to you? It means that everyone would give the pastor and family a pound of something needful: butter, flour, chicken, beef, fruit, vegetables, and the like. Times have changed, so how can you care for and support your pastor for such a time as this?

1. First, pray for your pastor every day. Pray that God would grant to your pastor wisdom, strength, and grace in his or her ministry.
2. Volunteer your own time and gifts to the church.
3. Take the initiative to focus your service to Christ outward into your community.
4. Encourage your pastor to take adequate time away to renew and refresh their mind, body, and spirit. There are laity in all of our congregations who have the gifts to lead worship in the absence of their pastor.
5. Be a vessel of grace and hope in your local congregation as you support your pastor's ministry.

Most of all, express gratitude and appreciation to your pastor for all the ways in which she or he cares for their flock.

God bless all of you and let us be kind to each other in this extraordinary time.

Bishop Laurie Haller

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

# Between Sundays

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Dear Friends,

A professor shared the story of the Prodigal Son. He then looked up and said, “This is not a story about being nice. This is a story about the transformation of the world.” He goes on to say, “Jesus is saying that there are three types of people along the road between Jerusalem and Jericho.”

The first type are the robbers; whose ethic suggest that “what is yours is mine at whatever cost”. The robbers will take whatever they need through whatever means they deem necessary. These are the people who will leave us physically, mentally, and emotionally beaten and bruised along life’s road with nothing but our shallow breath.

The second type of person to walk along the dangerous road between Jerusalem and Jericho is represented by the priest and the Levite, whose ethic suggest that “what is mine is mine, and I must protect it even if it means you get hurt in the process.” These folks aren’t bad people, in fact they are deeply respected in their communities, they do all the right things. But because of what crossing the road to help might cost them, they put their head down and go about their business. So, without even recognizing it, they do more harm than good. They end of choosing their own individual right over the health and well-being of their neighbors.

This sounds an awful lot like the recent news of people on a commuter train who watched a woman getting raped, and did nothing about it.

The third type, the Samaritan, has an ethic of love. He lives by a code that says “what is mine is yours... if you have need of it.

My safety is yours... if you have need of it

My security is yours... if you have need of it

My resources are yours... if you have need of it

My health is tied to your health

My well-being is tied to your well-being

This understanding of the Good Samaritan really gets down to the crux of the matter. In the end, as Christians we come to realize that we need each other. That we are dependent on others, and they are dependent on us.

The priest and the Levite likely asked, “If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?” The Samaritan likely asked a very different question, “If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?”

As you interact with people in the coming days, I invite you to ask those same questions. See which answer opens you to God, and then follow it. May it be so. Amen.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Jay



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## Thanksgiving Service

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be on  
Sunday, November 21 at 6:00 pm.

The United Church of Christ of Tipton will be hosting this year.

# Missions

## Community Work Day

We will once again be raking leaves and cleaning gutters as soon as the leaves start to fall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for those who would like their yard raked or gutters cleaned. We will also need help doing these tasks. If you would like to help please add your name to the sign-up sheet or call the church office.

More information will be posted when a date has been decided.

## Soup Lunch and Silent Auction

What's better than soup for lunch and great fellowship on these cool, fall days! If this sounds like a good idea, plan to stay after church on Sunday, November 14. If you would like, bring a crock pot of your favorite soup to share. (Maybe even the recipe because you know people will ask for it!)

There will also be a silent auction featuring wonderful holiday gift ideas. We would like to have 20 plus items to bid on. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact one of the mission team members or call the church office. These are always a lot of fun! Plan to join us at 11:15 am after worship.

Proceeds from the soup lunch will go to College Connections. Proceeds from the silent auction will be matched by Missions and go to paying apportionments.

## Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving offering will be split equally between the church's benevolence fund and local Iowa needs. The Benevolence Fund is used to assist people in Cedar County with anything from food assistance to transportation costs. Local Iowa needs ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways.

You may use the envelope enclosed in this newsletter or indicate "Thanksgiving" on the memo line of your check. There will also be envelopes available at the back of the church.

## Angel Tree

Our church often receives requests for assistance throughout the year. The Missions team is offering the opportunity to purchase gift cards to supplement the benevolence fund and assist local families needing assistance by purchasing specific gift requests.

As you make plans for Christmas, would you prayerfully consider including the Angel Tree as part of your plans as you are able.



**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

**Saturday, Nov. 13**

**Saturday, Nov. 27**

**11:00-11:45 am**



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck**

**In Tipton**

**Friday, Nov. 5**

**In Bennett**

**Tuesday, Nov. 9**

**In West Branch**

**Tuesday, Nov. 16**

**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)

**Sept. 1 Balance**    \$9,888.89

## Income

Contributions    \$11,699.48

## Expenses

Salaries/

Pension/Taxes    \$11,608.91

Copier Lease        \$123.68

Church/Parsonage

Utilities            \$800.21

Financial

Overhead            \$37.62

Postage             \$73.24

Pest Control        \$58.85

Insurance           \$1,936.25

Phone/Internet     \$146.07

Zoom Subscription \$190.39

Elevator Permit    \$175.00

Trustees            \$1,630.00

Miscellaneous     \$375.50

**Sept. 30 Balance**    \$4,432.65

## Unpaid

**Apportionments**    \$25,853.67

## Paid

**Apportionments**    \$2,350.33

**Thank You** to all who responded to the request for designated fund purposes.



Happy Monday!

Thank you so much for the window gel clings and the simple reminder to do good for the Lord!

Have a wonderful week!

Sara Webb

Wartburg College

Class of 2024

## Holiday Sing-Along

Nothing says happy holidays more than singing carols!

On **Sunday, December 5** we will gather in the sanctuary for a sing-along!

There will be a sign-up sheet for those that would like to sing, play an instrument, or do both. Young members are encouraged to share their talents also! Along with the special music there will also be congregational singing.

After the music the Missions group will be serving pie in the dining room. It's sure to be a great time of music, fellowship, and PIE!

## Church World Services Blanket Sunday

When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

Through the generosity of CWS partner organizations, congregations and individual supporters, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters.

CWS Blanket Sunday will be observed on **November 14**.

## Leadership Council Minutes

Leadership Council met October 24, 2021 for a brief meeting to approve the budget and Form I for charge conference. Both items passed with a unanimous vote.

Members present were Pastor Jay, Sue Thumma, Joyce Slach, and Mary Jo Heil

## Want To Help Serve The Church In some Small Way?

Want to help serve the church in some small way? How about volunteering to be a greeter, usher, or acolyte for worship? Greeters welcome people as they come into the building (or in nice weather outside as they approach, as well). Ushers greet inside the sanctuary, but also hand the person a bulletin, answer questions, and guide the person to a place to sit, if necessary. Ushers will collect the copper kettle gifts for missions and the tithes and offerings in worship, bringing them forward during the service. Acolytes is a churchy name for the candle lighters, who bring and take out the Light of Christ at the beginning and end of worship.

There is no age limit, although we would like young children to work with parents if they are greeters or ushers. Training will be provided. Please call Mary Jo in the church office, 563.886.2331.



# Church and Community

## Calling All Kids

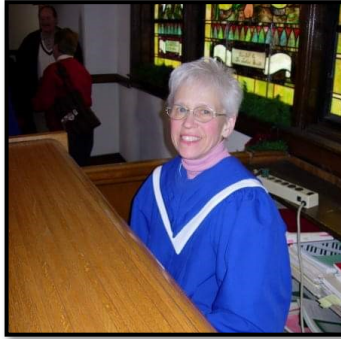
Do you want to be a part of a live Nativity scene with LIVE animals (including camels, goats, llama, and more!)? The Tipton Chamber of Commerce is putting together a live Nativity Scene for their annual Parade of Lights on Saturday, November 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The Nativity will be in the greenspace next to Among Friends. You will have a perfect view of the parade and you will be right next to the community Christmas tree, which we light up at the end of the parade! Costumes will be provided for the evening. Please let Abby know if you're able to join the fun!

Abby Cummins-VanScoy,  
abby\_c71@hotmail.com or call 319-541-2278



## Clavinova Dedication

On Sunday, October 10 a special service was held for the dedication of the new Clavinova that was donated by Ken Gould and family. This was in memory of Sylvia who blessed us with 50 years of beautiful music.



**CHARGE CONFERENCE**  
2021

## All Church (Charge) Conference

The annual business meeting of the church, open to all who attend and/or call Tipton First United Methodist Church their church home, will be on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 10:00 am, in the dining room.

District Superintendent Moody Colorado will be presiding. Please plan to attend and participate in this annual event in the life of this congregation.

## Simpson Youth Academy

In the summer of 2022, SYA will gather a diverse group of rising high school junior and seniors for a nine-day community experience to explore the Christian faith. Through worship, service and reflection, we want to help you explore deeper questions about God in order to grow in your faith and service to the world. The Residency will give you a taste of college life—forming community with young people and learning from current Simpson College students as well as pastors, nonprofit leaders and college professors.

To find out more about this opportunity please visit [simpson.edu/religious-life/simpson-youth-academy](https://simpson.edu/religious-life/simpson-youth-academy)

We may live  
victoriously,  
not because we  
have any power  
within ourselves,  
but because  
when we give  
ourselves to God,  
He gives himself  
to us.

—Norman Vincent Peale

## The Upper Room

The Upper Room Devotionals for November/December are here. You can pick one up at the back of the church or in the breezeway.

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



- 1 – Lisa Fleming, Carter Hill, Faith McGee, Kelly Wendel
- 3 – Sam Bierman, Jo Brown, Matt Harper
- 4 – Kim Cross, Katelyn DeWulf, Raymond Stark, Marlin & Donna Wiskus
- 5 – Cynthia Fitch
- 7 – Keylon Krenz
- 8 – Joseph Crock
- 9 – Cooper Boeve, Tina Jorgensen, Erica Shumaker, Melinda Stonebraker
- 10 – Tara Eisele, Caden Schmidt, Heidi Shumaker
- 11 – Alisha Hubler, Jenny Jackson, Ed Ketelsen
- 13 – Owen Boldt, Ange Catanese, Chris & Kiley Schultz
- 15 – Mary Ehresman, Patti Seydel
- 18 – Zoe Stonebraker, Ken & Sherry Schmidt, Ruel & Jan Wehde
- 20 – Peg Adams, Wayne Neville
- 21 – Jo Ann Beers, Elliot Cummins
- 23 – Ron Martin
- 25 – Cheryl Person
- 26 – Steph Behne, Jack Cartwright, Glenn & Ellen Fear
- 27 – Jerod Wiskus
- 28 – Sara Webb, Brad & Jeanette Kirkpatrick
- 29 – Kellie Rouse
- 30 – Kerri Nash

**Hospitalized/Procedures:** Marv Miller

**Healing:** Irene Wood, Gary Thumma, Carol Clark (Lisa Davies' mom), Gordon Esbeck, Margaret Ketelsen, Glenn Fear, Jacob Spickerman, Bob Cummins, Jo Ann Beers, Nick Brown, Denise Cartwright, Glenn Eaton, Bob Gould, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, half-brother and nephew of Deb Lowry, Randy Nau, Judy Ohrt, Rhonda Waugh, Carol Gustafson (Rhonda Waugh's mom) Mary Wright (Lois Salmonson's sister)

**Individuals & Families experiencing loss:**

Roger Regennitter and family after the passing of his wife Karen

**In Treatment:** Kay Miller, Norma Snyder (Mary Vang's sister-in-law), Leroy Clark (Lisa Davies' dad), Ron Burroughs, Tom Ehresman, Paul Esbeck (Gordon & Jan's son), Ken Gould, Clara Italiano, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Chris Ward

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

## OCTOBER WAS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Here are twenty things I believe are true about most pastors I know. I hope this will encourage you to work together with our pastor in sharing the gospel! He needs our prayers and support.

- Greg

1. He loves God and you a lot. (Be mindful.)
2. He is a painfully limited human being. (Be realistic.)
3. He probably at times has a pretty low view of his "performance". (Be kind.)
4. He wishes he were a better preacher. (Be awake.)
5. He really does want God's best for you and your family. (Be open-hearted.)
6. His work knows no time or locational boundaries. (Be patient.)
7. He often hears much more negative information than positive. (Be encouraging.)
8. He has chosen a vocation in which many leave. (Be praying.)
9. He has chosen a highly leadership-intensive call. (Be lead-able.)
10. He needs help. (Be available.)
11. His God-given vision is bigger than himself and the church. (Be faith-filled.)
12. He wants to personally meet all the needs, but knows he can't. (Be understanding.)
13. He's going to say some dumb things every now and then. (Be forgiving.)
14. His family is patient with you, so be patient with them. (Be conscientious.)
15. He is greatly encouraged by your faithfulness. (Be there.)
16. He is passionate for God's Word to be made practical to you. (Be hungry.)
17. He longs for church to be your spiritual oasis. (Be loving.)
18. He dreams for your and your family's spiritual health. (Be receptive.)
19. He needs to hear that you prayed for him. (Be interceding.)
20. He's just a regular guy. (Be real.)

# November Calendar

## Every Sunday

8:30 am Confirmation

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00–11:15 am

Worship



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

## Monday, November 1

6:30 pm Missions Meeting

## Wednesday, November 3

6:00 pm SPRC Meeting

6:30 pm GIG

## Thursday, November 4

10:00 am GIG

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Friday, November 5

3:30 pm–4:30 pm HACAP

Mobile Food Pantry

## Saturday, November 6

10:00 am Charge Conference

## Wednesday, November 10

6:00 pm SPRC Meeting

6:30 pm GIG

## Thursday, November 4

10:00 am GIG

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

6:30 Trustees

## Saturday, November 13

11:00–11:45 am Shared

Blessings

## Sunday, November 14

11:15 am Soup Lunch and

Silent Auction

## Tuesday, November 16

2:00 pm Prairie Hills Worship

6:30 pm Leadership Council

## Wednesday, November 17

Newsletter Deadline

6:30pm LFP Board Meeting

6:30 pm GIG

## Thursday, November 18

10:00 am GIG

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Wednesday, November 24

8:00 am Holy Folders

6:30 pm GIG

## Thursday, November 25

THANKSGIVING

## Saturday, November 27

11:00–11:45 am Shared

Blessings

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

Weekly sermons are posted at:

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

Watch the livestream  
on Sunday morning.



To watch the live service, or the latest recorded service, visit 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.



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## November Events

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| Nov. 5 — HACAP Mobile Food<br>Pantry | Nov. 16 — Worship @ Prairie Hills            |
| Nov. 6 — Charge Conference           | Nov. 21 — Ecumenical<br>Thanksgiving Service |
| Nov. 11 — Veteran's Day              | Nov. 24 — Holy Folders                       |
| Nov. 13 — Shared Blessings           | Nov. 25 — Thanksgiving                       |
| Nov. 17 — Newsletter Deadline        | Nov. 27 — Shared Blessings                   |



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

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