



### Church Staff

Pastor - **Jay Amundson**

Administrative Ministries

Coordinator - **Mary Jo Heil**

Custodian - **Don Griffith**

Chancel Choir

Director - **Luke Johnston**

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

Little Friends Preschool

Director and Teacher - **Daisy Little**

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!**



A flute quartet,  
comprised of (from left to  
right) Mac Walter, Gwen  
VanScoy, Danica  
Rippentrop, and Alicia  
Walter graced us with  
their talent during the  
Sunday school program.



# United Methodist News

January 2022

*“Approach the New Year  
with resolve to find the  
opportunities hidden in  
each new day.”*

• Michael Josephson

*2022*  
*happy New Year*



On December 12 the  
Sunday school classes  
presented  
“Happy Birthday, Jesus”.

It was a small, but  
mighty group and they  
did an amazing job!

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

# Between Sundays

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## #BeUMC!

This is the second excerpt from an email from Bishop Laurie Haller.

**Do you want to #BeUMC?** “Christ’s prayer for our unity and command to gather all to the table, to make space for one another, appreciate one another, and look for Christ in each other, prohibit us from creating individual tables only for those who think, act, look, and perceive the world like we do. We cannot be a church that fractures its identity and commitment to Christ by aligning itself to political parties. We cannot be a traditional church or a progressive church or a centrist church. We cannot be a gay or straight church. Our churches must be more than echo chambers made in our own image, arguing with each other while neglecting our central purpose. This is the way of the world.”

*Christ calls us to be one. We are aligned with Jesus and not with political parties or different theological understandings around human sexuality. Jesus sees each one of us as whole persons, made for good works, and chosen to share Christ’s love to the farthest corners of the world.*

“Instead, we must be one people, rooted in scripture, centered in Christ, serving in love, and united in the essentials. It is hard work. It is sacred work. It is the ministry of reconciliation that Christ gave to each of us. Our best witness is to love each other as Christ loves us, to show the world the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit to bind us together despite our differences. This is living out the gospel.”

Jesus entrusts each one of us to a ministry of reconciliation – calling out evil, oppression, and racism, but also working to bring justice and hope.

“We are a church:

Confident in what God has done in Christ Jesus for all humankind

Committed to personal and social salvation/transformation

Courageous in dismantling the powers of racism, tribalism, and colonialism

“All of our members, clergy, local churches, and annual conferences will continue to have a home in the ‘Future United Methodist Church’, whether they consider themselves liberal, evangelical, progressive, traditionalist, middle of the road, conservative, centrist, or something else. We hold on to our Wesleyan heritage that ‘the living core of the

Christian faith is revealed in Scripture, illuminated by tradition, vivified in personal experience, and confirmed by reason”.

As United Methodists, we believe that everyone has a place in the church. God excludes no one. We are also keenly aware that United Methodists live and serve in various contexts and will practice their faith in different ways.

“We are longing for a United Methodist Church that will move toward new forms of being a connectional church, a General Conference focused on global essentials, and an empowerment of regions for contextually relevant forms of living our common mission mandate. Deeply rooted in the Doctrinal Standards of the UMC, we pledge to exercise our episcopal role in ways that enable as many United Methodists, lay and clergy, as are willing to remain in the UMC and – together – to continue in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. And because we are part of the Church Universal, we seek to be united visibly and in ministries with other parts of the Body of Christ in God’s mission for the human family and creation.”

We are better together. Each part of the body is essential and contributes to the whole. The table of the Lord is open to all.

“We are committed to strengthening every local church, where the word is preached and Christ is offered, and where the table is set before all who hunger and thirst for righteousness, confident in the prayer we have learned to say and share:

**Make us one with Christ** – this is faithfulness.

**Make us one with each other** – this is unity.

**Make us one in ministry to all the world** – this is fruitfulness.

This is the United Methodist Church we love and serve!”



Angels danced during the offertory on December 12.

# Missions

## Thank you!

On behalf of the Missions Team, we THANK YOU for the generous giving of your time and monetary donations to Missions projects throughout the year. We couldn't do all that we do, year after year, without your support and the priorities you place on being a "missional" church.

It has been a blessing to have the Mission team going full strength again! We, as a church, have been able to accomplish many wonderful things. Those included Make A Difference Community Work Day, Shared Blessings Community Meals, Sending Kids to Camp, the Angel Tree, donations to the Domestic Violence Shelter and those in need here in our own community, and Thanksgiving Ingathering.

Funds from special offerings, the copper kettle, Easter Pool, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, go to support a wide variety of Mission projects. A complete report of your 2021 mission giving will be available in January and published in the February newsletter.

## Missions 2022!

We look forward to another great year of "Being The Hands and Feet of God"! If you have ideas or suggestions of how the Missions group can be of service in our community and farther, please let us know. Not to worry! We will still be doing the Community Work Day and of course the auction! But we don't want you to get bored with the same projects year-after-year.

We are also looking for a few more members to join the group. If it's been your life-long dream to be a part of a group that creates life changing situations for some of our brothers and sisters, please talk with one of the current members or just come and join us. We meet the first Monday of the month; watch for the announcements in the bulletin.



Angel Tree 2021

"I give you a  
new commandment:  
**Love each other.  
Just as I have loved you,  
so you also must love  
each other.**

This is how everyone will  
know that you are my  
disciples, when you love  
each other."

—John 13:34–35

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**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

**Saturday, Jan. 8  
Saturday, Jan. 22  
11:00-11:45 am**



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck**

**In Tipton**

**Friday, Jan. 7**

**In Bennett**

**Tuesday, Jan. 11**

**In West Branch**

**Tuesday, Jan. 18**

**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)





**Hello!**

Thank you for the candy and prayers of encouragement as I approach finals week!

I also want to thank you for the birthday card and subway gift card!!!

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, full of love and joy!

**Sara Webb**

Wartburg College  
Class of 2024

**Thank You** so much for the care package I received during the final weeks of the semester.

It's great to have that support and prayers from my church family!

**Alec Heil**

UC Denver



Sunday School  
Christmas Program 2021  
**"Happy Birthday, Jesus"**

## Pictured Rocks "Hybrid" Basic Lay Servant Training

Friday, January 28, 2022 – 6:00–9:00 pm

& Saturday, January 29, 2022 – 9:00 am–4:00 pm

(You must attend both days to successfully complete the training).

Cedar Falls, First UMC (718 Clay St, Cedar Falls) or via Zoom (if you choose Zoom – information will be sent closer to the date)

**Lay Servant Ministries–BASIC COURSE:** This class is the beginning foundation for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

Lay Servant Ministries – Basic Course

Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson

Participant's Book . DR626 . 978-0-88177-626-3

Book can be purchased through the Upper Room, Cokesbury, or Amazon.

Instructors:

Rev. Scott Keele Kober, Lisa Congdon (Certified Lay Speaker), Hugh Mackintosh (Certified Lay Minister)

Cost for the class is \$10.00. Each registrant is required to purchase their own participant book for the class. You will need to pay online for registration to be complete. Go to [iaumc-reg.brtapp.com/PicturedRocksBasicLayServantTrainingJanuary2022](http://iaumc-reg.brtapp.com/PicturedRocksBasicLayServantTrainingJanuary2022) to register.

Registration deadline is January 15, 2022.

Minimum of 6 registrants required.

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## Scholarships Available!

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation offers thousands of dollars in scholarships every year to students who demonstrate academic and community excellence. We offer:

**High School Senior Scholarships** for graduating high school seniors

**Non-Methodist College Scholarships** to all students of the church

**United Methodist College Scholarships** for students who will be attending United Methodist colleges

**United Methodist Seminary Scholarships** to students following the call to join the ministry

**Westmar College Scholarships** for students who will attend or are attending United Methodist colleges in Iowa

Scholarship applications are open December 1 – March 1 annually. All applications and required documents, such as essays, references, and transcripts can be submitted through the online portal. Once you click on the application link, you will be brought to a third-party website hosted by International Scholarship & Tuition Services (ISTS). If you have issues with the application process, please send all questions and inquiries to the ISTS support team at <https://istsprogramsupport.com/> or 855-670-4787.

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# November Financials

<b>Nov. 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$4,488.48</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$19,347.00
From Missions	\$1,495.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$10,166.54
Apportionments	\$3,960.00
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$580.67
Financial Overhead	\$36.02
Postage	\$36.07
Payroll Processing	\$135.00
Phone/Internet	\$141.41
Copier Lease	\$141.56
Elevator Maintenance	\$422.18
Maintenance	\$151.20
Miscellaneous	\$119.17
<b>Nov. 30 Balance</b>	<b>\$9,440.66</b>

## Worship Attendance

Nov. 7 – 59  
 Nov. 14 – 74  
 Nov. 21 – 49  
 Nov. 28 – 45



## Good News!!

In April of 2020, the Church received \$14,606.55 from the US Government for payroll protection. We received notice in December that this amount has been forgiven and will not have to be paid back!



## Little Friends Preschool

A lot of fun was had on December 20 as Little Friends Preschool celebrated Christmas with a party.

There are 7 very happy and energetic 3-year-olds in preschool this year! You can check out some of their artwork on the bulletin board across from the office.



## The Upper Room

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

We have extras so if you know of someone that would like to have this, please take one.

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



- 1 – Ray Linder
- 2 – Sharon Clark, Adrian Lanning
- 4 – Murry Mente
- 5 – Kypton Brown, Dixie Martin,  
Cassie Wallick
- 6 – Bill Esbeck, Billy Hoffman, Sandy Ohrt
- 7 – Andrew Allen
- 8 – Ron Elijah, Nate Ohrt, Helen Timm
- 10 – Joseph Battey, Nathan Fitch, Casey  
Gade, Helen Palmer
- 11 – Kiki Behne, Rae Leff
- 12 – Gwen VanScoy
- 15 – Glenda Holets
- 16 – Jamie Ketelsen
- 18 – Nifer Comstock, Bonnie Leslie, Rylee  
Semotan, Michael Semotan, Jr,  
Emily Wulf
- 19 – Mark Lowry, Tina Nau, Matt Schmidt,  
Larry & Kathy Houstman,
- 20 – Samantha Eberle, Carson Glick,  
Corey Ormsby
- 22 – Roger Regennitter, Issac Spangler,  
Lyle & Cynthia Fitch
- 25 – Brad & Bobbie Lieser
- 26 – Margaret Ketelsen, Blake Huston,  
Shayne Lanning
- 27 – Daniel Charette, Wally Reidel,  
Danica Rippentrop
- 28 – Wally & Judy Reidel
- 29 – Emilie Hein
- 31 – Kamryn Chapman, Mark Wiskus,  
Marc & Jerrelyn Weaver

## Hospitalized/Procedures:

**Healing:** Don Griffith, Irene Wood, Gary Thumma, Gordon Esbeck, Margaret Ketelsen, Glenn Fear, Jacob Spickerman, 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)

## Prayers for Those in Life Transitions:

### Individuals & Families Experiencing Loss:

**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 grand-daughter), Chris Ward

### Hospice/Palliative Care:

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



## Calling All Who Care

Whether you do it for love or for a living, your caregiving helps keep Cedar County's older adults happy and safe. Caregiving comes in so many shapes and sizes that, like many people, you might not even realize you're a caregiver. Caregivers . . . bring in the mail • drop off food or meals • stop by for a safety check • respond to medical events and falls • coordinate professional services • help with daily activities; eating or bathing • manage meds • and more.

You're Invited to a free webinar for caregivers in Cedar County hosted by Heritage Area Agency on Aging. Part One of this event is a virtual meeting using Zoom on Wednesday, January 12 from 9:00–10:30 am.

Zoom ID: 962 53138119, password: 651314

Part two will be in the spring with a free meal. Details to-be-announced.

Please RSVP by contacting Heritage AAA: 319-398-5559 or 800-332-5934.

You may also email: [Heritage.Agency@kirkwood.edu](mailto:Heritage.Agency@kirkwood.edu)

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Area Agency on Aging



# January Calendar



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

**Monday, January 3**  
6:30 pm Missions

**Wednesday, January 5**  
6:00 pm SPRC  
6:30 pm GIG

**Thursday, January 6**  
10:00 am GIG  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

**Friday, January 7**  
3:30 pm–4:30 pm HACAP  
Mobile Food Pantry

**Saturday, January 8**  
11:00–11:45 am Shared  
Blessings

**Wednesday, January 12**  
6:30 pm GIG

**Thursday, January 13**  
10:00 am GIG  
6:30 pm Trustees  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

**Tuesday, January 18**  
6:30 pm LFP Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 19**  
Newsletter Deadline  
6:30 pm LFP Board Meeting  
6:30 pm GIG

**Thursday, January 20**  
10:00 am GIG  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

**Saturday, January 22**  
11:00–11:45 am Shared  
Blessings

**Tuesday, January 25**  
2:00 pm Worship at  
Prairie Hills

**Wednesday, January 26**  
8:00 am Holy Folders  
6:30 pm GIG

**Thursday, January 27**  
10:00 am GIG  
6:30 pm Xn 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.



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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## January Events

Jan. 7 — HACAP Mobile Food  
Pantry

Jan. 8 — Shared Blessings

Jan. 19 — Newsletter Deadline

Jan. 22 — Shared Blessings

Jan. 25 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

Jan. 26 — Holy Folders



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

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