

**Tipton
First United
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 Ministers of Jesus Christ
 in the World - **All the People of
God!**



United Methodist News

February 2022

Super Sub Sunday

On Sunday, February 6 the Missions group will be making 6 inch sub sandwiches. Along with that there will be chips, a drink, and a cookie. Lunch will be served right after worship. If you can't stay, we can make one to go. We can also deliver.



To ensure that we have enough meat and cheese, we ask that you please pre-order. Talk to anyone on the missions group, call the church office, or add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. **The last day to order will be February 3.**

The money raised from this lunch will go to the Cedar County Senior Meals.

**See what great love the Father
has lavished on us,
that we should be called
children of God!**

– John 3:1



Winter Weather

With the threat of severe weather, Sunday school, confirmation and worship service may be cancelled.

If this occurs an email will be sent out and a notice will be posted on television stations KCRG and KWQC.

If a group meeting or GIG chooses to cancel, it is the responsibility of the chairperson or GIG leader to inform the rest of the members.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

From Pastor Jay's Perspective

Dear Friends,

I have always loved winter. I guess that's a good thing considering I grew up in Minnesota and then moved to Iowa. I will confess that I like it a little less now as an adult, but I still enjoy it. I think it is the change of seasons that makes me happy. I also think my parents were my examples of enjoying the season – my dad would say, "People just don't understand the joy of a good blizzard." A blizzard is a chance to hunker down with family and enjoy one another and not worry about anything for a while.

I love winter because of the childhood memories it provides, like ice skating on the pond we lived next door to or sliding down the hill. I would occasionally go down standing up and quite often would fall which graduated to occasional ski outings.

I like winter because of the simple beauty that it presents. It is simply gorgeous when there has been a new snow and it lays pristine over everything. And then when you see it against the stark bare trees, and feel the cold and the winds blow, it at times reflects how we are feeling. But it also reminds me that even in the worst times God is very much present in our lives when we need it most.

So here we are in the midst of winter and the start of a New Year. A new year gives us thoughts of new beginnings, new opportunities, and the spirit of trying again where we may not be living to our potential that God created us for. The new year gives us a chance to refresh and gives us a new chance to renew. It is much like our relationship with God. God is always ready to give us a new beginning, another chance and a fresh start when we fall short. It's ours for the asking.

So as we face 2022 I invite you to dust off your hopes, dreams and resolutions for new beginnings. Whether they are for yourself personally, for your family, or for your church. Then ask God for the graces you need to move into them. Often times God will ask you to be the answer to your own prayer. And remember that if you fail or fall short, God will be there to pick you up, encourage you, and let you start all over again.

I am praying for a blessed 2022. May it be so.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jay

"Can Someone Give Me Jesus' Number?"

During a recent conversation with my grandson, age 4, he asked if we had a cat or a dog. My reply was no but we used to have a dog.

Which then brought the response of "where did he go"?

"Well, he died."

"Did you take him to heaven?"

"Well, he was at the vet's office when he died."

"Did the vet take him to heaven?"

"I don't know."

"Grandma, could you text Jesus and ask if he's there?"

Thanks Sandy for sharing this great conversation you had with your grandson! If anyone else has a cute story they would like to share, please send them to the office.

Missions

Church World Services – Blankets

Late last fall there was a special offering taken during worship to benefit CWS. This offering was for purchasing blankets for those who have been displaced, are refugees, or disaster victims. Our church was able to raise over \$400! According to a flier sent from CWS, they were able to purchase a total of 23,610 blankets. It's a great feeling to know that First United Methodist Church of Tipton was part of that total!

2021 Mission Summary

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 2021!

Shared Blessings

- 51 Saturdays
- Many Meals Served in the Dining Room and Delivered

Angel Tree

- 3 Families

Fundraisers

- Super Sub Sunday – \$354
- Summer Auction & Lunch – \$3,423.50 & \$408
- Fall Soup Lunch & Silent Auction – \$1,550
- Copper Kettle

Community Work Day – The weather did not want to cooperate!

- 3 lawns and 1 gutter – w/5 people working

Thanksgiving Ingathering

- 19 kits and misc. items for \$327.80 in-kind value

Special Offerings

- UMCOR Storm Relief
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas
- Church World Services – Blankets
- Easter Pool

Donations

- FFA Holiday Meals
- Domestic Violence Shelter
- HACAP Food Distribution
- HACAP Veteran Support
- Tipton Ministerial Committee
- Local Food Pantry
- Camperships
- Conference Missions
- School Supplies



www.tiptonumc.org



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

Saturday, Feb. 12
Saturday, Feb. 26
11:00-11:45 am



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck
In Tipton**

Friday, Feb. 4
Bennett Ambulance Building
Tuesday, Feb. 8
West Branch Fire Station
Tuesday, Feb. 15

Questions?

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

Income Eligibility
Guidelines Apply

www.hacap.org

Carol Mitchell Scholarship

Application opened up December 1.

(\$350 – 1 awarded per year)

All graduating high school seniors are eligible. Don't worry if you haven't taken the ACTs or the SATs yet. For more information or go to <https://iumf.org/scholarships/um-college-scholarships/>

Carol Mitchell Ministry Scholarship

Application opened up December 1.

(\$250 – 1 awarded per year)

Please see the above website for requirements for both scholarships.



Summer Camp

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp. Info about the two Methodist church camps just arrived. You can stop in the office and find out more or you can visit www.iaumc.org/camps

Camp changes lives!

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 Dec. 1 –Mar. 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.

Former Tipton FUMC pastor receives a Lifetime Achievement Award. Here is a short excerpt from the article.

Marquis Who's Who is proud to present Rev. Marvin Emil Ceynar with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. An accomplished listee, Rev. Ceynar celebrates many years' experience in his professional network, and has been noted for achievements, leadership qualities, and the credentials and successes he has accrued in his field . . .

Harboring decades of experience in the field of religious and spiritual services, Rev. Ceynar is currently retired, having done well as a minister for the Tipton First United Methodist Church in Iowa from 1992 to 1996. As a caregiver, he wrote "The Ten Commandments of Caregiving." In addition to his position, he served as an ordained minister for various congregations for the United Methodist Church throughout Iowa and one United Church of Christ church in Sycamore, Illinois, when he taught at Northern Illinois University. Rev. Ceynar has participated as a member of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church since 1962.



December Financials

Dec. 1 Balance	\$9,440.66
Income	
Contributions	\$26,150.88
From Missions	\$1,845.00
From Designated Funds	\$3,254.07
Expenses	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$10,679.02
Apportionments	\$11,000
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$757.23
Financial Overhead	\$40.62
Postage	\$36.07
Payroll Processing	\$185.00
Phone/Internet	\$142.19
Copier Lease	\$130.17
Maintenance	\$400.00
Insurance	\$2,979.25
Miscellaneous	\$95.15
Dec. 31 Balance	\$14,245.91
Worship Attendance	
Dec. 5 – 55	
Dec. 12 – 102 (SS Christmas Program)	
Dec. 19 – 83	
Dec. 26 – 36	



Thank You!!

A big thank you to the Missions Committee for contributing to the general fund when we did not have enough money to meet payroll and assistance with apportionments.

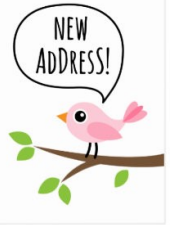
For the congregations information, we did not meet our apportionments this year. We were \$9,584.67 short.

End-Of-Year Financial Statements

Year-end financial statements are available for pick-up at the back of the sanctuary unless you get yours electronically. If that is the case, you should have them; they were sent out last week.

“God grant that I may never live to be useless!”

– John Wesley



Gordon Esbeck
Legacy Gardens
15 Silvercrest Place
Iowa City, IA 52240

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 February 4? 8–8:30 am in the UCC parking lot. Reach out to the office to add your name to the list.



- 1 – Dylan Mente, Todd & Hannah Smith
- 4 – Teri Baird, Arlo & Barbara Petersen
- 5 – Sandra Corbett
- 7 – Bev Ehresman
- 8 – Stephany Voss, Skyler Winekauf-Schmidt
- 9 – Tracy Ormsby, Chris & Joyce Slach
- 10 – Eric Clark
- 11 – Lonnie Nebergall, Bert Wagaman,
Jacob & Amanda Paul
- 12 – Shane Boeve
- 14 – Hadley Calonder, Nathan Smith,
Brandon Stark, Wayne & Ann Neville
- 15 – Kerilynn Battey, Larry Houstman
- 16 – Nicki Aikman, Mary Vang, Bob & Ginny
Cummins
- 20 – Sheryl Yerington
- 21 – Ken McKay, Ron & Nancy Burroughs
- 22 – Alex Anderson
- 23 – Glenn L. Easton, James Gardner,
Ron Wingert
- 25 – JoAnn Brennan, Jerry Elijah, Randy Nau,
Arlo Petersen
- 26 – Jaclynne Driscoll
- 27 – Brad Kirkpatrick
- 28 – Stephanie Shaull, Dee Wallace
- 29 – Brock Huston

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Don Griffith, Irene Wood, Gary Thumma, Gordon Esbeck, Margaret Ketelsen, Glenn Fear, 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

Prayers for Those in Life Transitions:

Individuals & Families Experiencing Loss:

Rhonda Waugh after the passing of her mom Carol Gustafson

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)

**Little Friends Preschool is now accepting applications
for Fall 2022. Choose from Tues–Thurs or Mon–Wed–Fri**



Providing Quality Education

Registration Deadline is August 1

Little Friends Preschool is for 3 to 4-year-olds

ABC Jesus Loves Me Curriculum AND academic studies.

Classes are 9:00–11:30 am

This is open to ALL who are interested

Scholarships available

Questions Call or Email

Little Friends Preschool

563-886-2331

lfp@tiptonumc.org

February Calendar



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

Wednesday, February 2

6:00 pm SPRC
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, February 3

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Friday, February 4

3:30 pm–4:30 pm HACAP
Mobile Food Pantry

Sunday, February 6

11:00 am Super Sub Sunday

Monday, February 7

6:30 pm Missions

Wednesday, February 9

6:30 pm GIG
6:30 pm Trustees

Thursday, February 10

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, February 12

11:00–11:45 am Shared
Blessings

Tuesday, February 15

6:30 pm Leadership Council

Wednesday, February 16

Newsletter Deadline
6:30 pm LFP Board Meeting
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, February 17

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 22

2:00 pm Worship at
Prairie Hills

Wednesday, February 23

8:00 am Holy Folders
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, February 24

10:00 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, February 26

11:00–11:45 am Shared
Blessings

Can't Make Worship? Visit the Website.

Weekly sermons are posted at:
tiptonumc.org.

Watch the livestream
on Sunday morning.



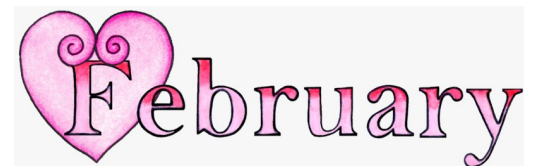
To watch the live service, or the latest recorded service, visit the church website at tiptonumc.org and click on the [Latest Worship Video](#) link on the left side under the logo (or under the logo on your mobile phone). You can also click the WorshipLIVE icon.



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February Events

Feb. 4 — HACAP Mobile Food
Pantry

Feb. 6 — Super Sub Sandwich
Lunch

Feb. 16 — Newsletter Deadline

Feb. 12 — Shared Blessings

Feb. 22 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

Feb. 23 — Holy Folders

Feb. 26 — Shared Blessings



Mission Statement:
Tipton First United Methodist Church

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