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 Superintendent - **Moody Colorado**  
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 in the World - **All the People of  
God!**



# United Methodist News

March 2022

**Worship and Pancakes**

March 2, 2022 at 5:00 and 6:30 pm

Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at 6:30 pm.

The Missions group will be having their Pancake Supper before the service from 5–6 pm. See article on page 3 for more details.



**What is Lent and why does it last forty days?**

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday.

Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a “mini-Easter.” This is why you will see the designation “Sunday in Lent” rather than “Sunday of Lent” in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord’s Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

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**Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors**

# From Pastor Jay's Perspective

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Dear Friends,

On Sunday, after worship, and then Monday I heard from several people that they were appreciative of my sermon on forgiveness. I think that the skit that I shared did a powerful job of showing what can happen when we fail to forgive. When we hear the word forgiveness we tend to pay attention, because, well, forgiveness is hard.

Well, if forgiveness is so hard, why do we bother? We do it because by offering forgiveness we offer resurrection. Bishop Laurie Haller in her most recent post shared this,

“The one thing I’ve heard over and over from people in the churches I’ve served is that forgiveness is a process, and it’s hard work. But when we forgive, we practice resurrection. We not only offer resurrection and new life to others, but by forgiving, we experience resurrection ourselves. You and I practice resurrection by reaching out to people who are yearning to know Christ’s love.”

One of the things that Lent is about is resurrection. Jesus’ resurrection of course, but as the Bishop stated, ours as well. Resurrection is about being freed. Jesus was freed from death, and when we forgive we are freed to live a life more in harmony with God.

So this Lent let us seek out those who need our forgiveness, and in so doing may we free them to more fully love God, may we free ourselves to do the same, and may we free the church to make a bigger difference in the world. Forgiveness is hard, but surely the end result is worth it. May this Lenten season bring blessing to all.

May it be so. Amen.

If you were unable to be in church on February 20 and would like to hear the sermon you can go to the website [tiptonumc.org/worship-videos/](http://tiptonumc.org/worship-videos/) and see the service.

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## Dear Family and Friends of the Iowa Conference,

I am writing to you on behalf of Rev. Gary Haller, Bishop Laurie’s spouse. Yesterday, while out on a morning run, Bishop Laurie hit black ice and fell. This fall resulted in a wrist fracture and possible concussion. The Bishop is home recovering under Gary’s compassionate care and watchful eye.

I invite you to be in prayer for Bishop Laurie in these early days of recovery. If you’d like to send her and Gary a card of encouragement, you may send it to the Conference Center at the below address and I will make sure they get delivered.

Thank you for your prayers, I know how much Bishop Laurie and Gary appreciate your love and well wishes.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Lanette L. Plambeck  
Assistant to the Bishop

Cards may be sent to: Bishop Laurie Haller  
Iowa UMC Conference Center  
2301 Rittenhouse St.  
Des Moines, Iowa 50321

# Missions

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## Super Sub Sunday

Thank you to all who joined us for Subs on February 13. It was a great time for some much needed fellowship! The free will offering total was \$343 and that will go to the Senior Meals site here in Tipton.

## Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper

The season of Lent will soon be upon us and that observance starts with Ash Wednesday. The Missions team will once again be serving pancakes that evening before the worship service.

Plan to join us in the dining room for pancakes, sausage, fruit, and juice or coffee. We will be serving from 5:00–6:00 pm. Afterwards join us up in the sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday worship service that starts at 6:30 pm.

## Shared Blessings Year-End Wrap-up

Did you know that Shared Blessings has been serving up meals to all that would like one since 2010? Over the years there's been a mighty, yet sometimes small crew, quietly working to put this together twice a month. On average, that is 24 Saturdays a year. This year, they served 21 days and 899 meals!

Heidi Shumaker and Heather Strefling are the current "ladies in charge" of making Shared Blessings happen. Thank you for your time and dedication!

If you or a group you belong to would like to help serve Shared Blessings please reach out to Heidi, Heather, or call the church office and we'll get you signed up. Additional help is always welcome!

## 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](http://www.iaumc.org/camps)

## Camp changes lives!

Our mission is to send every student to camp that wants to go; at no cost to the family.

There are two United Methodist camps in Iowa. Lake Okoboji in northwest Iowa and Wesley Woods in south central Iowa. Take a look at all the different camp adventures! Everything from horse-back riding camps to go-karts and wild west round up. You can choose from week-long camps or just three-day camps. There are even family camps! Check it out!



**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

**Saturday, Mar. 12**

**Saturday, Mar. 26**

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

*When I  
**Trust God,**  
my strength  
is renewed.*



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck**

**In Tipton**

**Friday, Mar. 4**

**Bennett Ambulance Building**

**Tuesday, Mar. 8**

**West Branch Fire Station**

**Tuesday, Mar. 15**

**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)

## Carroll 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/>

## Carroll Mitchell Ministry Scholarship

Application opened up  
December 1.

(\$250 – 1 awarded per year)

Please see the above website for requirements for both scholarships.



Providing Quality Education

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

Registration Deadline is  
August 1

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

Curriculum: *ABC Jesus Loves Me*  
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](mailto:lfp@tiptonumc.org)

## 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.

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## Blast From the Past!

Did you know that the monthly newsletters from your church are archived on our website? There are 'online' copies of the newsletter going back to October of 2013. Take a minute (or many minutes) to select a few from the archives and re-read them. Pay attention to how many programs and activities and services that were offered monthly by the church. Are we doing the same today?

Here are a couple of things I noticed when I riffled through the archive:

- Older newsletters were typically 12 pages – they now run about 8 (that's 1/3rd less stuff!)
- The list of birthdays and anniversaries is shorter
- The breadth and depth of things this church has offered/done over the years is pretty amazing
- Christian Chaos has searched for a piano player very frequently!

Is there something that shows up in a newsletter that no longer does today? Do you have a passion for reviving something that our church no longer provides? Is there something you have an interest in that was never seen in one of those old newsletters? If so, feel free to do something about it!

It was fun revisiting the ebb and flow and ins and outs of the workings of our church. It helped me remember past events, people who are no longer with us, and the amazing things we've accomplished as a church.

Try it! [www.tiptonumc.org/newsletters](http://www.tiptonumc.org/newsletters)



# January Financials

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<b>Jan. 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$14,188.95</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$13,670.03
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$9,939.02
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$1,330.19
Financial Overhead	\$30.87
Postage	\$36.07
Payroll Processing	\$135.00
Phone/Internet	\$138.99
Maintenance	\$38.85
Insurance	\$655.75
Snow Removal	\$261.50
Miscellaneous	\$137.75
<b>Jan. 31 Balance</b>	<b>\$15,154.99</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	
Jan. 2 – Service Canceled Due to Weather	
Jan. 9 – 41	Jan. 16 – 32
Jan. 23 – 40	Jan. 30 – 69

## End-Of-Year Financial Statements

The year-end financial statements that weren't picked up have now been mailed out. If you didn't receive yours, please call the church office – 563.886.2331.

## Leadership Council Update

Leadership council met February 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place. Members present were Pastor Jay Amundson, Laura Hembry, Mary Jo Heil, Joyce Slach, and Sue Thumma. Absent was Gail Fleming.

Pastor Jay opened the meeting with prayer. Since there was no meeting in January Sue reported our year end financial situation. Trustees are working on some plumbing needs, back parking lot, and doors and windows in the breezeway and sanctuary.

The missions committee had a successful sub sandwich lunch on Feb. 13. All of the proceeds will go to Senior Dining in Tipton. They are planning a pancake supper for Ash Wednesday. It is time to think about camp; there is money available to make it a no cost experience. They are also looking for new members.

Custodian Don Griffith has retired. SPRC will be advertising for a part-time custodian next week. Thank You Don for all your hard work!

The request to return to fellowship coffee after church was approved. The recommendation is to use disposable products and purchased cookies. We prefer the homemade, but at this time we feel we need to keep everyone safe.

Due to some conflicts, this committee will be changing their meeting day to the third Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be March 21st.

Pastor Jay closed with prayer.

Sue Thumma, Sec. Pro Tem

WELCOME  
BABY

## Clayton Wayne Macoubrie

Born February 16, 2022 to Joe and Ashley Macoubrie and big sister Raelyn.

Proud grandparents are Ann and Wayne Neville.

## The Upper Room

The Upper Room Devotionals for March/April 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. This has been a great outreach; the kids really look forward to this and are very appreciative.

## What about you?

Can we put you down for March 4?  
8–8:30 am in the UCC parking lot. Reach out to the office to add your name to the list.



- 1 – Jeff Ormsby, Kathy Vance
- 2 – Eldon Beers, Franklin Bierman, Jack Shipley, Bonnie Swick, Merlyn & Helen Timm
- 3 – Phil Seydel, Andy Seylar, Hannah Smith
- 4 – Katie Shaull
- 5 – Ken Gould, Alexander Wright, Randy Behne & Jennifer Rinas
- 6 – Scott Barber
- 7 – Blair Nebergall
- 9 – Mary Katheryn Gault-Allen, Rob Glick, Mary McKinney
- 10 – Kevin Anderson, Betty Elijah, Dorie Kordick-Wanek, Rich Urban & Kiaya Rickard-Urban
- 11 – Caroline Wright
- 12 – Katie Rippentrop
- 13 – Alaina Butler, Ellen Fear, Lily Johnson, Todd Smith
- 14 – Sherry Schmidt
- 15 – Jesse Lieser
- 16 – Cortney Curry, David Waugh, Kevin & Dawn Spickerman
- 17 – Hunter Smith
- 18 – Lynn Gallagher
- 19 – Garry O'Leary, Nicole Paul, Marc Weaver, Rick & Judy Rouse
- 20 – Jason Brown, Erik Eisele
- 21 – Roberta Gesling
- 22 – Lesley Puffer, Craig & Kim Regennitter
- 23 – Adam Fitch, Judith Linder, Michelle Smith
- 25 – Dave Fetterman
- 26 – Chase Timmerman
- 27 – Carmen Hoffman
- 28 – Amelia Cundiff
- 29 – Carly Puffer
- 30 – Blake Beck, Keegan Mente
- 31 – Alvin & Mary Wright



## Hospitalized/Procedures:

**Healing:** 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:

Don Griffith

## Individuals & Families Experiencing Loss:

Maddie Swick and Mary Vang after the passing of Maddie's mom and Mary's daughter, Angie Swick

Melinda, Ryan, Zoe, and Lea after the passing of Melinda's mom Linda Huff

Judy, Rick, Emilie and family, and Kellie Rouse after the passing of Judy's mom Waltraut (Wally) Tonjes

**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), Jacob Ketelsen (son of Ed & Lynn Ketelsen). Jacob is currently going through boot camp. If you would like to send words of encouragement, please send to :

RCT Ketelsen, Jacob  
 2nd RTBN Golf Co Plt 2150  
 41001 Midway Avenue  
 San Diego, CA 92140

*Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and has made the Lord his hope and confidence.*

–Jeremiah 17:7

If you have a song of faith in your heart, it will be heard by the look on your face.

–Anonymous

# March Calendar

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

## Wednesday, March 2

5:00–6:00 pm Ash Wed.  
Pancake Supper  
6:00 pm SPRC  
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday  
Worship Service

## Thursday, March 3

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

## Friday, March 4

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

## Monday, March 7

6:30 pm Missions

## Wednesday, March 9

6:30 pm GIG  
6:30 pm Trustees

## Thursday, March 10

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

## Saturday, March 12

11:00–11:45 am Shared  
Blessings

## Tuesday, March 15

2:00 pm Worship at  
Prairie Hills  
6:30 pm Leadership Council

## Wednesday, March 16

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

## Thursday, March 17

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

## Wednesday, March 23

Newsletter Deadline  
6:30 pm GIG

## Thursday, March 24

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

## Saturday, March 26

11:00–11:45 am Shared  
Blessings

## Wednesday, March 30

8:00 am Holy Folders  
6:30 pm GIG

**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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## March Events

Mar. 2 — Ash Wednesday  
Pancake Supper  
Ash Wednesday Service

Mar. 4 — HACAP Mobile Food  
Pantry

Mar. 12 — Shared Blessings

Mar. 15 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

Mar. 23 — Newsletter Deadline

Feb. 26 — Shared Blessings

Mar. 30 — Holy Folders



### Mission Statement:

**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

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