

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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April 2022

Ukraine

Week of March 10, 2022 – Rev. Dr. Mary L. Bellon

Church Staff

Pastor – **Jay Amundson**

Administrative Ministries

Coordinator – **Mary Jo Heil**

Custodian – **Meredith Coppess**

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!**

They are walking. It is snowing.

Around them the earth lies shattered

and the bridge they climb is broken.

A bomb has fallen here - a bomb from the Principalities.

When did You say, "I saw Satan fall like lightning"?

Did You see this now and before? - how you said to us

"I have given you the power to tread on snakes and scorpions
and to overcome all the enemy's power" Look then:

There is a train carrying children across the border of hope,
from the hospital of their origin to the country of rescue.

They are followed by the multitude of walkers,
arms aching with the weight of children and old people,
walking across the borders like a funeral procession,
a sunflower seed in each pocket.

There is a parade of blue and yellow in Kherson
under the eyes of the enemy.

There is a song being sung.

We will not go quietly into this dark night,
says the poet, says the Ukraine.

We will walk with our dignity even if alone.

Some are hidden underground.

Above them the earth shakes;
in Mariupol the toddler is dead,
his mother and father stumbling:
grief is its own bomb, its own rifle.

Did you mean, "I saw Satan fall like lightning upon us?"

Did you mean, "I will give you the power to survive, to walk,
to sing, to plant a seed?"

Here across the ocean, we are watchers and waiters.

We cannot know this unfathomable pain even as the pain
makes its way to us, sailing across the sea in a ship of urgency.

The world is a web and the piece that is torn, tears it all.
Now Lent begins -- again the long walk to Jerusalem, the
Jerusalem of the World.

How He wept over it. How we are all weeping.



From the Pastor's Perspective

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite spring time memories happened several years ago. It was Easter Sunday and we had traveled from our home in Atlantic, IA to our son's home in Cedar Rapids to celebrate Easter and our grandchildren's birthdays. Our son had been working in secret in the backyard putting together a wooden swing set. Not a real big one, but a nice one. I arrived in time to help put the finishing touches on it.

The vivid memory that I have is of our granddaughter Abigail when she saw the swing set for the first time. She came running out of the house with her arms open wide and a huge smile on her face. I took a picture of her happiness, but I didn't need to, as I have it etched in my memory forever.

None of that happiness would have happened, of course, without the hard work our son put in to make it happen. Abbey wasn't thinking about any of that, she just wanted to play on her swing set. And that is how it should be.

This story reminds me of what happens, so often, on Easter Sunday. We come together to celebrate the Risen Christ. We sing, we celebrate, and we relish being together. Then, quite often, we gather together with family and celebrate some more. However, what many don't understand is that none of what we celebrate would happen if it were not for what happened the previous week.

Maundy Thursday, the day that Jesus was arrested, brutalized, and given a mock trial. Good Friday, the day that Jesus was crucified. Holy Saturday, the mournful, quiet day of great sadness. Without Holy Week, Easter Sunday would not happen.

I share this with you in order to encourage you to attend this year's Good Friday service, on Friday, April 15 at 6:30. Abbey's face would have been far different if Aaron hadn't taken the time to put together the swing set. Easter has more meaning when we take the time to participate and understand what Christ did for us leading up to Easter Sunday. May we all be blessed this Easter season as we learn once again of Christ's incredible love for each of us.

Blessings,
Pastor Jay

Open Sesame!

The breezeway doors are now set up to unlock and lock on the following schedule:

Monday – Friday: Unlock at 7:30 am. Lock at 9 pm.

Saturday – Sunday: Unlock at 8 am. Lock at 6 pm.

To accomplish this, we installed a new door access system that includes door controllers, electric strikes and new RF card readers outside the doors. This should not affect most people, as the doors will be open during those scheduled times. For anyone who currently has a physical key, please return your key to the office before April 30th. If you have a need to enter the building outside of the schedule you will be issued either a keycard, or key fob when you return your physical key. If you have locked or unlocked the breezeway doors in the past, this is no longer necessary. For the new system to work, the doors should remain physically locked, and the automatic door opener selection switch should remain in the ON (down) position at all times. This will also allow exiting (by pushing the crash bar) at all times.

Please contact the office if the schedule above conflicts with your event or meeting times.

Missions

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper

Thank you to all who joined us for pancakes on Ash Wednesday! We received \$356 in donations that will go to **Sleep In Heavenly Peace**. Here's a little bit of info about SHP.

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Too many boys and girls go without a bed—or even a pillow—to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.

That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace® comes in. We're a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

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!

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!

Dear First United Methodist Church

Thank you so much for the donation to the Tipton Senior Center. We appreciate your support of our center and the programs we provide. We couldn't do it without the support of our community!

Thanks Again!

Karen Lafrenz, Director

Lake Okoboji UM Camp: Summer Staff/Volunteers Needed

Know someone 18+ yrs old, interested in youth ministry?
Summer-long paid positions providing fun, faith filled experiences with youth and families.

Contact Eric and Kali at 712.336.2936

Apply Online: Okobojicamp.com

For More information regarding current openings at Lake Okoboji Camp: [United Methodist Camp & Retreat Center at Lake Okoboji Iowa \(okobojicamp.com\)](http://United Methodist Camp & Retreat Center at Lake Okoboji Iowa (okobojicamp.com))

www.tiptonumc.org



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

Saturday, April 9
Saturday, April 23
11:00-11:45 am



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck
Tipton FUMC**

Friday, April 1

Bennett Ambulance Building

Tuesday, April 12

West Branch Fire Station

Tuesday, April 19

Questions?

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

Income Eligibility Guidelines Apply

www.hacap.org



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

WELCOME BABY

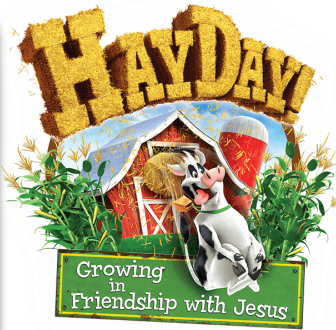
Sophia Marie

Born January 26, 2022 to Kaitlyn and Nick Brisbin. Proud grandparents are Jeff and Mary McKinney.

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.



VBS 2022

Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School 2022! The theme this year is “Hay Day”.

July 5–8 from 5:30–8 pm.

We are in need of someone to represent our church. **Could you help?**



Valentine's Day at LFP

The Little Friends Preschool class surprised me and Pastor Jay with valentine goody bags on the 14th. The kids had a great day making the candy bags and having a party in their class.

They also have a new face in the classroom! Ben joined LFP after the winter break.

First Friday Donuts!

There are only two Fridays left this school year for donuts. Can we put you down for April 1 from 8–8:30 am in the UCC parking lot. Reach out to the office to add your name to the list.

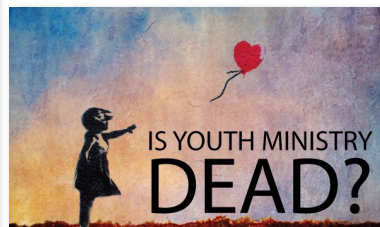


Hello!

Happy almost spring! Thank you so much for the bandana! Happy St. Patty's Day!

Sara Webb

Biology, Pre-Veterinary Medicine



We Need Your Input and Help!

Blame it on the Pandemic, blame it on sports, blame it on wanting to sleep in on Sunday morning . . . take your pick on excuses for why **our youth** haven't been coming to Sunday school and church.

We need to do something about this so we need thoughts and ideas; from everyone. If this is a concern for you too, send those thoughts and ideas to the church office at office@tiptonumc.org or call 563.886.2331.

The Education Committee will be meeting in April to continue discussion on ways to bring back **our youth**. Please feel free to join us; we need all the help we can get.

February Financials

Feb. 1 Balance	\$15,154.99
Income	
Contributions	\$9,718.80
Expenses	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$10,104.15
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$1,797.09
Financial Overhead	\$29.62
Postage	\$94.05
Payroll Processing	\$290.00
Phone/Internet	\$145.68
Maintenance	\$103.33
Snow Removal	\$567.00
Copier Lease	\$237.98
Elevator Maintenance	\$422.18
Miscellaneous	\$173.23
Feb. 28 Balance	\$10,837.48

Worship Attendance

Feb. 6 – 61, Feb. 13 – 37, Feb. 20 – 36, Feb. 27 – 62

Trustee's update

As most of you know we received insurance money for the damage done to the education wing roof; along with the donation you gave we were able to get the roof fixed and had funds left over so we have been compiling a list of repairs that need to be done to our church building.

The first thing we are doing is changing out the locks on the breeze way doors to be automated and set up on a time system so no one has to stop at the church to unlock or lock the doors. The next thing we are looking at doing is replacing the north door that comes into the hallway outside of the sanctuary as well as the northeast doors coming into the bell tower. We have a bid in and will be looking at them being done soon by the same company that did the breeze way doors. We have also become aware of some water damage in the choir area of the sanctuary and will be having that evaluated and repairs done. Once these things have been addressed, we then will see what else needs our attention and make a plan to move forward.

Dear Church Members,

Due to the rising cost of using Vanco, our online payment option, we are going to be cancelling their services.

Over the last four months we have paid an average of about \$75 a month in fees and we feel this is too high of a price. We want to be able to still offer you some convenient ways to continue to give your tithes and offerings and we are currently working on finding another option. When we have more information, we will be letting you know.

We will be canceling our contract with Vanco at the end of this month. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Leadership Council Update

Leadership council did not meet in March.

God didn't give us a spirit that is timid
but one that is powerful,
loving, and self-controlled.

- 1 – Jennifer Gaunt, Amy Glick
- 3 – Kristen Charette
- 4 – Natalie Coppess
- 5 – Ethan & Samantha Wulf
- 6 – Scott Cartwright
- 7 – Matt Jackson
- 9 – Grady Glick
- 10 – Addison Butler, Stuart Clark
- 11 – Braydon Calonder, Randy & Chris Amosson, David & Ruth Ann Beers
- 13 – Andrew Comstock
- 14 – Kyle & Elizabeth Voss
- 15 – Jack Boldt, Lauren Gregory, KiaLeigh Rickard-Urban, Karen Strefling
- 17 – Danny Ford, Marvin & Kay Miller
- 18 – Tom Ehresman, Chris Schultz
- 19 – Carol Anderson
- 20 – Twyla Hein, Neil & Jennifer Gaunt Randy & Tina Nau
- 21 – Amber Boedeker, Calvin Kuehl, Mary Wright, Chris VanScoy & Abby Cummins-VanScoy
- 23 – Denise Erruthum, Donna Wiskus
- 24 – Wayne & Nanette Behrens
- 26 – Adam & Katie Rippentrop
- 27 – Kelly Smith, Rich Urban
- 28 – Connor Boeve, Adam Heil, Robert & Denise Errthum
- 29 – Daulton Mente, Maddie Swick
- 30 – Margaret O’Leary, Owen Steinman

Sunday Servants for April

- April 3 – Walter Family
Liturgist: Mack & Kayla Walter
- April 10 – Larry Glick, Wayne Brown, Ray Linder, Isaac Jepsen
Liturgist: Larry Glick
- April 17 – Ed & Lynn Ketelsen, Mary Jo & Adam Heil
Liturgist: Mary Jo & Adam Heil
- April 24 – Brian & Amber Boedeker Family
Ligurgist: Amber Boedeker

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Chris Keller, 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:

Mary McKinney and family after the passing of her dad Bernie Beaudry

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), Kaitlyn (McKinney) & Nick Brisbin, Jacob Ketelsen (son of Ed & Lynn Ketelsen).



April Calendar



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

Friday, April 1

3:30–4:30 pm HACAP
Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 6

6 pm SPRC
6:30 GIG

Thursday, April 7

10 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, April 9

11–11:45 am Shared
Blessings

Wednesday, April 13

6:30 pm GIG
6:30 pm Trustees

Thursday, April 14

10 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Friday, April 15

6:30 pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 17

HAPPY EASTER!

Monday, April 18

6:30 pm Missions

Tuesday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 20

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

Thursday, April 21

10 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, April 23

11:00–11:45 am Shared
Blessings

Wednesday, April 27

8 am Holy Folders
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, April 28

10 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos
Rehearsal

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

Weekly sermons are posted at:
tiptonumc.org.

Watch the livestream
on Sunday morning.

Worship LIVE

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.

**A lot Can
HAPPEN
In Three
DAYS**

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April Events

April 1 — HACAP Mobile Food
Pantry

April 9 — Shared Blessings

April 10 — Palm Sunday

April 15 — Good Friday Service

April 17 — HAPPY EASTER!

April 20 — Newsletter Deadline

April 23 — Shared Blessings

April 27 — Holy Folders

Blessed **ARE THOSE WHO**
HAVE NOT *seen*
AND YET HAVE
Believed

Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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