

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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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 –

Rev. Dr. Moody Colorado

Ministers of Jesus Christ in the
World – **All the People of God!**



VBS 2022



Vacation Bible School 2022 – Hay Day!

It certainly was hay days at VBS this year! The kids learned about Zacchaeus and his faults and Peter and his denial. And the best part was, Jesus still loved them just as he loves us even when we do wrong.

Thank you to all who made this week possible! Especially all of the middle and high school students who helped. You are setting a great example for the younger kids!

Make no mistake about it,
responsibilities toward other
human beings are the greatest blessings

God can send us.

–Dorothy Dix



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

From the Pastor's Perspective

Dear Friends,

The time has come for me to say goodbye. I feel as if I just got here, and now I'm leaving already. As I write this I have just met my new churches. I will be going to two small communities of Conrad and Beaman. It feels as if my ministry there will benefit them and myself. I feel blessed. I share this with you so you know that you don't have to worry about me, and can concentrate on helping Tipton 1st UMC.

Let me reiterate: Leaving Tipton was not my idea. I have felt from the beginning that it would have been better for everyone involved if I stayed and the SPRC and I worked out our differences. Others felt different and so I am leaving.

But in leaving I also want to say that I will continue to pray for you in the years to come. I will hope and pray that God will cause good to come out of all that has happened.

I understand that many of you are worried, and are wondering what is going to happen.

That is a legitimate question that unfortunately doesn't have a good answer. I can tell you this – the Conference is doing everything in its power to find a pastor for Tipton. The other truth, however, is that there is an extreme shortage of pastors and a large number of churches that need a pastor. This simply means that the odds are that you won't have a pastor for a while. Which also means that the body of Christ, you, will need to step up and lead the church during these challenging times.

Let me close by saying this – God is here in this place, and God is present in each one of you. And that means that no matter what happens, God will continue to love you and help you move forward. I have been blessed to have served in Tipton and will take many good memories with me.

With all my love,

Pastor Jay



Pastor Jay's last Sunday with us will be July 30. In observance of that, we will be having a Farewell fellowship time in the Gathering Place after worship. Plan to join us in wishing him well!

Leadership council met July 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place. Members present were Pastor Jay, Sue Thumma, Lois Salmonson, and Mary Jo Heil. Absent were Laura Hembry, Joyce Slach, and Gail Fleming.

Pastor Jay opened with prayer.

Pastor Jay reported that it might be several months or more before we have a permanent pastor. Conference is actively trying to help us. Currently there are 12 churches in the district that are looking for pastors which are in short supply. SPRC will be seeking people to fill the pulpit until then.

Education: Looking at curriculum for the fall. In need of a Sunday school superintendent and Sunday school teachers. Plan is to start a children's choir and youth group. Seriously looking at the idea of having one

Sunday a month to be a family Sunday school. (Look for more on this next month, plans sound like it will be a fun time)

Missions: Local work camps just have not worked out for July. In August they will be collecting school supplies and/or monetary donations for the Tipton Elementary school. Missions is also looking for a new chairperson.

Memorials: Thanks to memorials from various families we will be updating our technology equipment.

Finance: Report of current finances was given.

No report from Trustees or SPRC

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Jay.

Sue Thumma, Sec. Pro Tem

Missions

Mission Market

The Mission Market is open! If you have extra produce you'd like to donate, please bring it to the church. Any **FREEWILL DONATIONS** given for the fruits and vegetables will go to mission projects. Please check the produce you brought on Sunday. If there is anything left, please take it with you or give it to others. Thanks!



Shared Blessings

In order to give Heidi and Heather a much-needed break, there will be no Shared Blessings in August. They will be back September 10 with more delicious meals.

If you and a group of your friends would like to help with Shared Blessings, please contact either of these ladies or the church office. They would welcome the help!

School Supplies

Just like many things right now, the cost of school supplies continue to rise. To help with this, the Mission team will be collecting some of those needed items. If you would like to help, please check the school supply list posted in the Gathering Place. There will also be a box there for all the items. The collection will be throughout the month of August and then be taken to the school during the first week after classes start.

Could you or someone you know use some help in purchasing school supplies this year? If so, please call the church office or contact someone on the missions team.



We're Going Back To School



Don't forget to keep our young people in your prayers during the start of a new school year! Classes at Tipton begin August 23.

Also say a prayer for our teachers, para-educators, faculty, administrators, custodians, lunch ladies (sorry, food service workers), bus drivers, and of course, the volunteers!

Here's to a great year!

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**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

**There will be no
Shared Blessings
during August.**



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck
Tipton FUMC**

Friday, August 5

Bennett Ambulance Building

Tuesday, August 9

West Branch Fire Station

Tuesday, August 16

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

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In Need Of . . .

a weed eater and a
leaf blower for lawn
maintenance here at the
church. If you have either
or both that you would like
to donate, please call the
church office, 886.2331.

The Upper Room

The Upper Room
Devotionals for July/August
are here. You can pick one
up at the back of the
church, in the Gathering
Place, or in the breezeway.



Xn Chaos was “Rockin’ In The USA” and joyfully represented
our church in Tipton’s 4th of July parade. Mother nature needed
more than a downpour (that washed the decorations of the left side
of the trailer) to stop them from spreading the good news!

Thank you to Ed and Lynn Ketelsen for the use of the trailer and to
Lynn for driving!

Youth Group Leaders Needed.



Could that be you?

Call the church office if interested.

In Need of . . .

Because of the changes coming up at the end of the month
there are some positions that we need help in filling. We
hope that you will step up and help to make this transition
easier.

Someone to recruit and organize Sunday Servants. This would
include ushers, greeters, and acolytes.

Fellowship Coffee Chairperson. This would be lining up
individuals to furnish cookies, crackers, etc., make coffee
and lemonade, and serve for fellowship time after worship.
If you would like to help with either of these ministries, please
contact the church office.

June Financials

June 1 Balance \$2,608.07

Income

Contributions \$19,617.77

Expenses

Salaries/Pension/Taxes \$9,943.99

Utilities – Church/Parsonage \$1,065.33

Elevator Check \$422.18

Financial Overhead \$310.00

Postage \$94.05

Phone/Internet \$144.24

Lawn Care \$80.00

Copier Lease \$106.99

July 1 Balance \$10,059.06

Worship Attendance

Jun 5 – 40, June 12 – 48, June 19 – 50, June 26 – 47



Sunday School! Yep, time to start thinking about that and what our Sunday school will look like this fall.

Our hope is to go back to divided classes that are more age appropriate as a group. This means that we will need more teachers this fall. Again I ask, “Can You Help”? We will have lesson books that lay out the day’s plan for you step-by-step. Or if you prefer, modify the lesson to your liking. We ask that you still follow the same theme so that the kids are all on the same page.

Along with our Sunday morning classes there will also be the return of Choir Kids. Also, once a month we will be meeting as a group, along with parents, for breakfast, the lesson, an activity, and a mission project.

Big plans are in the works and we want everyone to be a part of it! Please prayerfully consider investing some time in our youth. You’ll be glad that you did.

The Super Family Fun Night was a great success!

Plans are in the works for another one soon. If you have ideas for games, please contact the church office.

God is the light shining in the midst of darkness,
not to deny that there is darkness in the world but
to reassure us that we do not have to be afraid
of the darkness because darkness will
always yield to light.

—Harold S. Kushner

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 – Emersen Coppess, Deb Eisele, Brian Schmidt, Dawn Spickermann, Leslie Timmerman, Ron & Daisy Winger
- 2 – Larry Rochau, Mike & Deb Eisele
- 3 – Jarod Bormann, Bob Friday, Shane & Christine Boeve
- 5 – Rhonda Waugh
- 6 – Gary Kline, Jim & Lisa Allen
- 7 – Jerry & Betty Elijah, Todd & Kelly Huston, Bob & Becky Young
- 8 – Jim Allen, Gretta Harper, Greg & Sandy Brown
- 9 – Sandy Fedler, Aron Keller, Ken & Lorna Muller
- 10 – Kim Anderson, Barb Cawiezell, Allan Charette & Deb Conant
- 11 – Mike Nissen, Madison O'Leary, Joyce Slach
- 12 – Leanne Boots, Deb Conant, Dave & Becky Fetterman
- 13 – Kevin Houstman
- 14 – Vanessa Shipley
- 15 – Chris Slach
- 16 – McCabe Hertert, Brian & Amber Boedeker
- 17 – Flynn Hubler, Brad Lieser
- 18 – Elisabeth Gardner, Jim Hanson, Cael Ormsby, Davis Webb
- 19 – Dan Coppess, Dusty Johnson, Jerrelyn Weaver
- 20 – Jordyn Schmidt, Ian Spangler, Randy & Mary Bormann
- 21 – Frances Ford
- 22 – Kaitlyn (McKinney) Brisbin, Jim & Tina Jorgensen
- 24 – Jacob Spickermann, Eldon & Jo Ann Beers
- 26 – Ann Jurgensen, Nick Yerington
- 27 – Gerry Reeve, Jeff & Mary McKinney
- 28 – Jorden Anderson, Joe & Colette Crock, Kerri & Andy Nash
- 29 – Bob Butler, Elizabeth Schroeder, Jason Smith, Rob & Amy Glick, Kent & Carmen Hoffman, Deb & Mark Lowry
- 30 – Travis Person, Jeff & Tracy Ormsby

Prayers

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Chris Keller, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Irene Wood, 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:

Friends of Don Griffith who died July 3
Jan Esbeck and families after the passing of Gordon

Wally Reidel and family after the passing of Judy

In Treatment: Myrna Baird (Lorna Muller's sister), Norma Snyder (Mary Vang's sister-in-law), Leroy Clark (Lisa Davies' dad), Ron Burroughs, Tom Ehresman, Ken Gould, Clara Italiano, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Chris Ward

Hospice/Palliative Care:

Armed Services: Nolan Ohrt, 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

Community Events

Music in the Gazebo

Aug. 4 – Tipton HS Jazz Band,
Aug. 11 – Cassie & Randy,
Aug. 25 – Johnnie Krob

Blood Drive

Aug. 22 @ First UCC, Sponsored by Prairie Hills

First Day of School

Aug. 23

Heritage Day @ Cedar County Museum & Prairie Village

Aug. 27 – 9 am till 5 pm

August Calendar



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

Wednesday, August 3

6 pm SPRC

Thursday, August 4

10 am GIG

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Friday, August 5

3:30–4:30 pm HACAP

Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday, August 10

6:30 pm Trustees

Thursday, August 11

10 am GIG

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, August 13

11–11:45 am Shared

Blessings

Monday, August 15

6:30 pm Missions

Tuesday, August 16

2 pm Worship at Prairie Hills

6:30 pm Leadership Council

Wednesday, August 17

Newsletter Deadline

6:30 pm LFP Board Meeting

Thursday, August 18

10 am GIG

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 24

8 am Holy Folders

Thursday, August 25

10 am GIG

6:30 pm Xn Chaos

Rehearsal

Saturday, August 27

11:00–11:45 am Shared

Blessings



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

Worship 

Sunday worship services are posted at: tiptonumc.org. To watch live on Sunday morning (10:00 am), or the most recent service (available until the following Saturday), visit the church website at tiptonumc.org and click on the 'Join Us Via Livestream' link on the left side under the logo (or under the logo on your mobile phone). You can also click the WorshipLIVE icon on the front page.

To view archived services, click the Worship menu and select 'Worship Videos'. Or use this link: <https://tiptonumc.org/worship-videos/>

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Pantry

Aug. 13 — Shared Blessings

Aug. 16 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

Aug. 17 — Newsletter Deadline

Aug. 23 — First Day of School

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Aug. 27 — Shared Blessings

Life is too short,
the world is too big,
and God's love
is too great to live ordinary.

– Christine Caine

Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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