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Director – **Luke Johnston**

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

Little Friends Preschool

Director and Teacher –

Daisy Little

Xn Chaos Director –

Greg Brown

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Conference – **Laurie Haller**

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Superintendent –

Rev. Dr. Moody Colorado

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

Do No Harm! Do Good! Stay In Love With God!



2 Corinthians 12:4 – 13:13

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”(12:7)

Isaiah 43.19

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Colossians 3.1-17

(:1) Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God’s right side...

(:12) Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience....

(:14) And over all these put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity... (:15b) And be thankful people.

The three Bible passages above are included in the agreement, the “Covenant,” between myself Pastor Paul, and the Leadership of 1st UMC of Tipton. These do not say everything that needs to be or could be said, but we think they are a favorable start. I am going to highlight some ways the first one, from 2 Corinthians, informs our work together. I would like someone from the church to do the same in the October newsletter, using Isaiah 43:19. Then someone else from the church volunteer to write, for the November newsletter, how Colossians 3 can be helpful as you move forward. Hey! We can have more than one person do the Isaiah and Colossians passages so let Mary Jo know ASAP if you’ll be one of the writers and which passage/month you’ll be writing.



A Word or Two From Pastor Paul

Jane and I actually worshipped with you the last Sunday of May. It happened that Adam Heil's graduation party was that afternoon and, well, being retired, no one expects us at any particular church Sunday morning so we decided to make a day of it. We had no idea a change of pastor was in the works. In fact I was asked by a couple people if I had done any subbing or guest preaching since retiring a year prior and I just said "Nope! Not interested!"

Life has a way of surprising us and I was contacted by a Superintendent three weeks later about the possibility of serving here as interim then was formally asked two or three weeks after that. I have never been an interim pastor; and you have never had an interim; or not that I know of anyway. So here we are; through the end of October. We are all on a steep learning curve.

I've been cramming to get some sense of what an interim does and the expectations involved. Over and over I have read the word: ANXIETY. That word is used in sentences explaining how the congregation may feel... AND it is used to explain the possible feeling of the interim pastor!! And yes, in my case, it is used accurately. And, from comments formal and informal I have heard from you, it seems to accurately describe how many of you are feeling.

Is that you??? It's a symptom meaning: You - Are - Normal. Such change as you are in the midst of just naturally makes a person anxious. Sorry to say it this way, but it's kind of like starting mid-March 2020 all over again. You've not been in this situation before; you don't know how long it will last; you don't know what your church or pastoral leadership will be on the other side of this change. Why wouldn't you be anxious???

However, anxiety can also bring a perfect storm of tension. People want a quick fix so the angst being experienced can be resolved, dissipated, put away, left behind. But the quick fix is not necessarily best for the church. There may be solutions beyond any human wisdom, beyond anyone's scope of current knowledge, so it is important to allow yourselves to be immersed in the unknown. WHOA!!!! That's not where anyone wants to be!!

Totally outside of my wheelhouse as your interim but I want to say... it is not the intent of any Superintendent, Bishop or Pastor to see this church go away. Other persons will be doing all they can within their powers and resources to provide pastoral leadership as early as possible. Your job, because you, too, have been "*given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good*," is to create as healthy a church as possible to greet that pastor.

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." You will be in the Wilderness of the Unknown together. It is important that you listen and value each other as fellow travelers in a strange place. It will be most easy and least beneficial to become emotionally reactive. It will be a temptation to blame someone or even each other for this or that. Or you may find some other person or position to blame, to be a scapegoat. But all of that will not help. In fact it will only cement your feet in the Wilderness of the Unknown.

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" means that each of you holds part of the solution, part of the puzzle that once put together will provide your map to a new future. To cast lots like the men on Jonah's ship will not help, regardless of how many people are thrown overboard. But each of you must also realize and live out what it means to be acting "for the common good." That means that you each seek positive ways to be instrumental in shaping the church for the future. That's not complaining or whining; it's certainly not wondering why "someone" doesn't do "something" about some situation or ministry. It is not helpful to see a need and then say it is someone else's issue. If you see the need you already have part of the solution!!

In the *Introduction to Interim Ministry* booklet, there's this statement:

**"Change is inevitable;
transformation is optional."**

When people of the church realize and live out the truth that "*To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good*," it is possible that change becomes transformation. But it's not easy. It is not quick. It takes work and intentionality. But it is possible and it is exciting!

Pastor Paul

A Word or Two From Pastor Paul

Here are some of the commitments and statements included in the Covenant between 1st UMC and Pastor Paul:

The people of Tipton First United Methodist Church shall:

- Commit to faithful participation in worship, Bible Study, spiritual growth opportunities, fellowship, and mission activities; by giving our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.
- **Utilize this time to re-invigorate congregational care & 'ownership' of ministries.** (@—see note below)
- Prepare for and participate in the **Church Conference Sunday, October 16, starting at 2 pm.**

Rev. Frederiksen shall:

- Hold Tipton First UMC steadfastly in prayer;
- be a church hire for three months (August 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022);
- be accountable for 20 hours/week toward half-time service with 1st UMC;
- commute to Tipton from his home in Cedar Falls.
- provide regular reports re the interim time period to the SPRC, Leadership Council, and Supt. Colorado.
- intentionally and thoroughly brief the pastor who follows the interim time of all relevant learnings and analyses gleaned during the interim.
- be available for ongoing consultation with the pastor who follows the interim time.

District Superintendent Moody Colorado shall:

- Provide on-going supervisory support and consultation as needed and appropriate.
- Review the progress of the interim time with Rev. Frederiksen and Tipton First UMC's SPRC.
- Receive and convey the SPRC's pastoral needs analysis to the Bishop and Appointive Cabinet for consideration.

Pastoral compensation shall include:

- Salary: \$2,500/month
- Vouchered Professional expenses including such things as:
- Church-related mileage at 2022 IRS business rate of 62.5 cents (from & return to 607 Lynn St.)
- Provide mileage reimbursement at \$.30/mile from Pastor Paul's residence to Tipton.
- Arrangements for occasional overnight lodging as needed.

@ = I accented this item because it is SO important; and because in this newsletter is an article about a model of youth ministry that is totally exciting! It provides an example of an attempt to "re-invigorate" a ministry. That ministry will need assistance. So have you considered how YOU can encourage youth ministry? Do you wonder if they will need FOOD? (I can't imagine youth ministry without food!) Find a small way to assist! Then find some other ministry that you can re-invigorate!!

Some of the areas we'll be working on with intention during this interim period:

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| a. Worship; lively, biblical, perhaps with a bit of experimentation | e. Congregational care: An example is teams of two going out to have communion with people unable to be in worship.
Could include hospital visitation; intentionally reaching out to persons recently discharged from the hospital; etc. |
| b. Build Biblical passion, thirst, options for digging, learning, discovering. | |
| c. Youth: Build on what appears to be a healthy HS Sunday School class; Connect with confirmands and close gaps. | f. Revitalize the Finances; include apportionment education. |
| d. Build expectation for participation in children's "Sunday School" – understanding it may not be on "Sunday" | |

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 Is Back!

September 10 will be the return of Shared Blessings! As before, meals will be served from 11–11:45 am. Grab a friend or two and join us in the dining room.

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

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Ingathering



42nd Annual Mission Ingathering Saturday November 5, 2022

The Purpose of Mission Ingathering is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs.

The 42nd Annual Mission **Ingathering** will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Our purpose is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs. Our times have changed. The methods and means may change. The work of being in mission continues.

Ingathering is a unique mission event. The “how” continues to evolve, but the goal remains constant – to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs. On that one day, we channel giving to a variety of outreach projects, through cash and in-kind gifts.

A brochure with information about needed kits is available in the breezeway or at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider putting together a kit or two. Follow the instructions precisely as instructed in the brochure (this has been updated since last year). There will be a kit collection box in the Gathering Place or you can bring them on October 30 when we will be dedicating all kits.



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

Saturday, Sept. 10
Saturday, Sept. 24
11:00-11:45 am

It's time to start thinking
about the Mission Fall
Lunch and Auction!
November 13
Right after worship!
Watch for more info to coming.



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck
Tipton FUMC**

Friday, September 9
Bennett Ambulance Building
Tuesday, September 13
West Branch Fire Station
Tuesday, September 20

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 still has openings for Tuesday and Thursday

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

Scholarships available

Questions Call or Email

Little Friends Preschool
563-886-2331

lfp@tiptonumc.org

The Upper Room

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



Dear Tipton
UMC,

I want to thank
you so much for
letting me go to
church camp at
Wesley Woods

last week. I had such a fun
time meeting new people
and learning more about
God! I learned fun songs
during Chapel, went horse-
back riding, swimming in
the pond, fishing, did arts
and crafts, archery, rock
climbing, a high ropes
course, and canoeing. I had
a really great week! Thanks
so much!

Jenae Walter

Calling All Interested Youth Ages 9-19!

Dusty Johnson is leading a youth group
where students will learn how to play
Christian Rock music, similar to what
Christian Chaos performs. Students will
learn how to play guitar, bass, piano,
drums, and sing. The group sessions will
be focused on learning how to play worship music while also having
time for discussion on what it is like being a Christian kid and how
we can live as Jesus taught us. Instruments will be provided, but
kids can bring their own equipment if they have it.

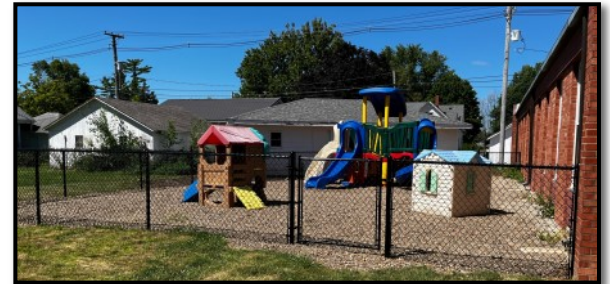
If this group is for your kid, send an email to jen.dusty@gmail.com
with your child's name, age, parent names and cell phone numbers.

The rock youth group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from
6:30–7:45 pm. Please let Dusty know if you can help mentor this
group. Start date to be determined later.



Little Friends Preschool

How exciting it is that
September is here! That
means that Little Friends
Preschool is starting up
again. I'm so thrilled to
start my second year with
a new batch of kiddos.



We'll have a full house of students that will get to enjoy new toys,
new learning and a new playground. This playground has been a
project for many of us and we are eager to finally see it get used.
One of those people is Amber Brown who was a previous teacher
that we are happy to announce will be back as the newest board
member to Little Friends Preschool. This will be a great school
year full of crafts, guest speakers, and God's word.

The Wired Word adult Sunday school class will begin meeting
in the Wesley room on September 11 at 9 am. The week's lesson of
a Christian perspective on current events will be e-mailed from the
church office on Thursday's. Those without e-mail can contact
Mary Jo about getting a printed copy. We have been using these
materials for several years now, resulting in many great discussions
and some head scratching. Sound interesting? Join us, and send
your e-mail address to the church office at office@tiptonumc.org.

Bob Young

July Financials

July 1 Balance	\$12,028.31
Income	
Contributions	\$8,057.86
Expenses	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$9,863.87
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$547.56
Financial Overhead	\$310.00
Postage	\$37.61
Phone/Internet	\$146.80
Copier Lease	\$106.55
Insurance	\$2,162.25
Organ Tuning	\$414.00
Annual Conference	\$406.43
Misc	\$175.86
July 31 Balance	\$5,915.24
Worship Attendance	
July 3 – 46, July 10 – 52, July 17 – 51, July 24 – 44, July 31 – 66	

Chaos needs your help. Since 2005 the praise band ministry has spread the word of God through music throughout Iowa. With the exception of a few generous donors, the band has been fairly self-sustaining. Our normal way of securing funds to help us maintain the band equipment is through free-will offerings during gigs outside the four walls of our church. Chaos members have also stepped up to help finance new music, supplies, and equipment. However, the equipment we use for road trips is falling apart making it impossible for us to play anywhere other than church. Brian has done a great job of making repairs but there comes a point in time when “duct tape and bailing twine” just doesn’t work. Over the next two months we will be launching a small fundraising campaign to replace the necessary road equipment as well as making some necessary updates to our sanctuary sound system and praise band equipment. We’re in the process now of analyzing all of the equipment to determine what can be repaired and what needs to be replaced and how much it will cost. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this music ministry. Your ongoing support of Chaos over the last 17 years is truly appreciated. Stay tuned for more information!



Everyone is Welcome!

September 11 is the start of Sunday school as it used to be! Classes for:
preschool – 1st • 2nd – 5th • 6th – 8th
• high school • Adult GIG • Wired Word



Wanna join any of these classes?

Stop in the morning of September 11 and find out more. We would love to see you!

Bring the kids and stay for one of the adult classes!

Feel free to bring your coffee cup!

It All Begins September 11 @ 9 am

Preschool through 12th • GIG • Wired Word

Trustees

All Church Cleaning Day

We are planning an all-church cleaning day on September 11th following church services. We are asking everyone to wear their cleaning clothes to church so they can stay and help with the clean-up. All the cleaning supplies you will need will be supplied, but if you have a pair of gloves that you want to use, please bring them along. We will be having a potluck meal to go along with the afternoon of cleaning, the church will be supplying loose meat sandwich and ask that you bring a side or dessert to share. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

The Trustee's are looking for someone to take on the responsibility of changing the air filters in the church, this needs to be done twice a year in the fall and spring. If you would like to help us out with this service, please let the office know and we will set up a time to show you where the replacement filters are and where they need to be installed.

Landscaping

An update on the landscaping around the church. Jan and Ruel Wehde have spent lots of time on the north side and around the church sign and lamp post. Bob and Becky Young have put river rock on the entrance to Sunday School area. Larry Glick was able to get that for us for free!

Lois Salmonson and the Memorial committee are financing and working with Chris Sorgenfry at the Tipton Greenhouse to put in a red bud tree to the far left of the Sunday School entrance, another lilac in front of kitchen windows and another tree on the north west corner of the yard.



Enjoy our hopefully easy care landscaping!!
Becky Young



CHILDREN

Grades 2 – 6

We will be offering a one-time class for children, introducing the presence and use of candles and fire in Christian worship. Why do we light candles? What do they mean? Why are there two? As this is being written, this class is tentatively scheduled for the 18th of September during the Sunday School time slot. It is for children grades 2–6, including those who are already lighting the candles for worship and even those who do not wish to light the candles. Any parents who want to be present are very welcome, too. Please notify the office if your family is unable to attend but you have a child or more who wish to light candles.



I have not heard much conversation nor excitement concerning different levels of spiritual growth options this fall and beyond. What classes will be offered for adults; and who is going to lead that group; and what shall they use for a curriculum? We cannot be vital without classes for the entire family. I'm excited to see who steps up with a theme in hand and an idea of where they're headed.

Pastor Paul

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 – Rosalyn Hill, Kim Kreinbring,
Al & Teri Baird
- 4 – Rick & Pat Christensen,
Ryan & Melinda Stonebraker
- 5 – Bonnie Butler, Keaton DeWulf
- 6 – Phil & Patti Seydel,
Jason & Michelle Smith
- 8 – Lilly Errthum, Lori Seebers
- 9 – Izabelle Errthum, Ethan Houstman,
Nancy Wood
- 11 – Nigel Crock, Bruce Graff, Mary Jo Heil,
Russell Hoffman,
James & Elisabeth Gardner
- 12 – Sandy Childs, Bob Holets,
Nick & Steph Behne
- 13 – Alek Comstock, Jany DeWulf,
Ruby Harper, Thomas Hembry
- 14 – Becky Fetterman, Deb Lowry, Nich Ohrt,
Jason Walter
- 15 – Karen Anderson, Merlyn Beckler
- 16 – Denise Cartwright
- 17 – David Beers, Dawn Davis, Austen
Gardner, Kent Hoffman, Pam Spear
- 18 – Penelope Nissen, Liz Voss
- 19 – Erma Lyle, Justin Marchik,
Jason Paustian, Alex & Bailey Anderson,
Glenn & Diane Eaton
- 20 – Doug Boldt, Will & Julie Williams
- 21 – Stephanie Seylar, Brian & Mary Jo Heil
- 22 – Nick Behne
- 23 – Carrie Glick,
Leslie & Jerrod Timmerman
- 24 – Amelia Bormann, Diane Chambliss
- 25 – Garrett Nau, Tatum Trueblood,
Jack & Denise Cartwright
- 27 – Joel Miller, Adrianna Paul,
Kevin & Janet Anderson,
Michael & Jennifer Rausch
- 29 – Randy Bormann, Michael Puffer,
Carolyn Wood
- 30 – Haley Miller, Vivian Shontz,
Maggie Trueblood

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Carolyn Wood, 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:

The family of Alice Ann Gallagher who passed on August 14.

Wally Reidel and family after the passing of Judy on July 18.

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

West Branch United Women in Faith

will be having a Guest Night Salad Supper on Monday, September 12 at 6 pm in their church fellowship hall. The speaker for the evening is Margalea Warner. She is a writer with plenty to say about living with mental illness while holding onto her faith in God. Her sense of humor adds leavening to her stories, and you are invited to join us as we hear her inspiring message.

Please RSVP by September 5,
by phone to 319-643-5489
or email to westbranchumc@gmail.com

We hope that you will bring friends with you, and spread the invitation throughout your congregation and community.



September Calendar



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

Thursday, September 1

10 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 7

6 pm SPRC

Thursday, September 8

10 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Friday, September 9

3:30–4:30 pm HACAP
Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, September 10

11–11:45 am Shared
Blessings

Sunday, September 11

9 am – **First Day of Sunday School!!**
9 am – GIG

Wednesday, September 14

6:30 pm Trustees
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, September 15

10 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Monday, September 19

6:30 pm Missions

Tuesday, September 20

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

Wednesday, September 21

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

Thursday, September 22

10 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, September 24

11:00–11:45 am Shared
Blessings

Wednesday, September 28

8 am Holy Folders
6:30 pm GIG

Thursday, September 29

10 am GIG
6:30 pm Xn Chaos
Rehearsal



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



To watch the live service, or Sunday worship services are posted at: tiptonumc.org. To watch live on Sunday morning (10:00am), 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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September Worship

September 4 – Labor Day weekend

Communion; Teams of Two sent
to share communion with others.

Bible: Luke 14:25–33;

Jeremiah 18:1–11; Psalm 1

Music: Keyboards & everyone sings!

September 11

Bible: I Timothy 1:12–17; Psalm 14;

Luke 15:1–10 ;

Music: Xn Chaos & everyone sings!

September 18

Bible: Luke 16:–13; Amos 8:4–7;

I Timothy 2:1–7

Music: Keyboards & everyone sings!

September 25

Bible: Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15;

I Timothy 6:6–19;

Luke 16:19–31

Music: Xn Chaos & everyone sings!



Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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