

# Tipton First United Methodist Church

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## Church Staff

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**Paul Frederiksen**

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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!**

## Extend a Warm Welcome to Our New Pastor!

Rev Dr. Melody Williams grew up in the Cedar Rapids area. She did not come to know Christ until she was an adult, so sees the needs of those who find themselves outside of the church and a relationship with Jesus. She spent most of her pre-pastor career in social services, working primarily with people with intellectual disabilities and troubled teens. Pastor Melody earned her Master's in Divinity from the University of Dubuque. She is also a graduate of the Institute of Congregational Development, which was a two-year program that focused on church revitalization and church planting. She completed her Doctorate in Ministry in 2018. Her doctorate project focused on shame. Melody is passionate about helping the church find new ways to introduce people to Jesus. Pastor Melody has two adult children, Kamille and Hannah. She also has a spunky terrier mix named Lucy. Pastor Melody is excited to come along side the people of Tipton UMC to help us become all God created us to be at this moment in history.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING!!

All ages are welcome;  
Saturday, December 17 at  
3:30 pm. Priority is caroling at  
houses. We do not go into the  
house. If time (& Covid  
protocols) allow we'll see about Prairie Hills and Cedar Manor.

About 5 pm we'll return to the church for soup and fellowship. Even if you were not able, interested or available to go caroling, come for the soup!!

Thanks, Creative Worship Team, for instigating this activity!!



## A Word or Two From Pastor Paul

Perhaps more than any other year, this is an Advent in which we all share together the anticipation and anxiety of the New Thing God is doing among us. Never in my pastoral experience has Advent coincided with the anticipated arrival... of a New Pastor!! I invite us to work together to experience the mystery and majesty of the intersection of human hope and God's action.

One of my prayers has been that a pastor be available as soon as possible for appointment to 1st UMC of Tipton. While the circumstances that make this pastor available are unfortunate (and I'll let her relate what she wants) Rev. Melody Williams has been appointed and will begin January 1, 2023!! Yes, she's a "new arrival." Let's not be confused as we sing Advent songs with lines like this: "All earth is waiting to see the Promised One..." (Hymnal No. 210) Rev. Williams is NOT the "Savior" of the world, nor of 1st UMC!! BUT, her appointment to Tipton 1st is made in the context of prayer and God's grace.

As with any "new arrival" there are preparations to be made, plans to bring to fulfillment, hearts to be changed, priorities to be examined and adjusted if and as needed. Your leadership, especially the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, is in charge of making sure the "nursery" is available for the "new arrival." But as members together of one 1st UMC family, each of you has the ability to make Rev. Williams feel welcome. (You can even send her a Christmas card. Just send it to: Rev. Melody Williams; 1st UMC; 607 Lynn St; Tipton IA 52772. If you do one of those family "brag letters" include it!!)

Now, some 'nuts and bolts.' The parsonage is still under lease and as soon as the current occupants are out, a long-awaited updating of the kitchen area is scheduled to be completed. After that is done, the house will be available. However, Rev. Williams also owns a house in Cedar Rapids so she will not be 'homeless!' Your Trustees are to be commended for committing to the parsonage update.

Then, those ministries for which you have picked up responsibility need to be continued. Putting your beliefs into action is one of the best ways to grow your faith! Keep it up! Don't quit!

Friends, Jane and I have enjoyed the past four months of re-connecting with so many of you. To return to a church has been a gift and blessing that doesn't often occur. And going through this Advent with you will feel kind of like, what, the grandparents of offspring who are anticipating and preparing for a 'new arrival.' This is genuinely exciting. "I can hardly wait," is one of the feelings we have for you.

Do your best to be as open, welcoming and loving of Pastor Williams as you have been to us. No, be even more open, welcoming and loving!! And remember, if you see ministry that needs to happen, YOU may be the person to reach out with the love of God. "If it is to be, it is up to me."



## News from the Conference

### NEW BISHOP coming to the Iowa Annual Conference!!

**Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai** has been assigned as the resident bishop for the Iowa Area, effective Jan. 1, 2023. She was elected to the episcopacy at the 2022 North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Before her election, she served as the chief connectional ministries officer of the Connectional Table for the United Methodist Church since 2018. Bishop Bigham-Tsai, has served as a district superintendent in the Michigan Annual Conference and as a local church pastor in Kalamazoo and East Lansing, Michigan.

Bigham-Tsai said of her vision of the church: “I envision a United Methodist Church that fully claims its identity as a church that centers grace. This is a church that is open and inclusive of all people. It is a church that addresses racism in the church and in society and actively seeks reconciliation, healing, and justice for its LGBTQIA+ children. Such a church approaches ministry with an outward-facing and invitational love.”

That also means the tenure of **Bishop Laurie Haller** will come to a close. Bishop Laurie has served Iowa since 2016. A retirement gathering is scheduled for December 4, 3:00 pm at first UMC in Des Moines. During her tenure in Iowa, Bishop Laurie emphasized how each United Methodist is called to be a “**Difference Maker**” in their local churches and communities. May that call be deep within each of us as we continue the journey!

### DECEMBER WORSHIP

(Advent Candles Sunday November 27 were lit by the Board of Trustees.)

#### Dec. 4 Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Candles will be lit by the  
SPRC Committee

Theme “Living in the Intersection”

Music Keyboards and Sunday school sings

Bible Romans 15:4–13; Matthew 3:1–12

#### Dec. 11 Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Candles will be lit by the  
Missions Committee

Theme “Can It Really Be?!”

Music Xn Chaos

Bible Isaiah 35:1–10; Luke 1:46b–55

#### Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent Candles will be lit by the  
Little Friends Preschool Board

Theme **Christmas with the Children**

(including baptism!)

Worship will include, in special ways,  
the children of the church. And  
here’s your warning: At Christmas,  
we’re ALL ‘children!’

Music Keyboards, SS children, more carols!

Bible Isaiah 7:10–16; Matthew 1:18–25

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

3:30 pm – December 24<sup>th</sup> will be the most “family-friendly.” The music will surprise you!

9:00 pm – Dec. 24 will be “traditional,” with carols, communion and candles.

[NOTE: 1<sup>st</sup> UMC will NOT be hosting a live worship service Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day. If you were not able to worship Christmas Eve, you could pull up one of those services online, via the [www.tiptonumc.org](http://www.tiptonumc.org) website. Of course, any church welcomes everyone, especially on Christmas Day. Read Luke’s version of the birth story; and then phone someone who may be alone and share stories of Christmas.]

### JANUARY 1, 2023 WORSHIP

A “Service of Lessons and Carols” will provide more opportunities for Christmas celebration.

**JANUARY 8, 2023** is tentatively scheduled to include communion.



## Items of Interest

### Dementia Friendly Iowa

Dementia Friendly Iowa exists to help the state of Iowa become a safer, informed, and respectful place for people with dementia and their families. Join a growing movement of people who are interested in helping fellow community members live with dementia by becoming a Dementia Friend.

To become a Dementia Friend, you just need to attend a one-hour informational session, learn about living with dementia and the simple things you can do to support someone living with dementia. These sessions are available remotely.

In the one-hour session, you'll learn some basics of dementia such as what dementia is, how it can affect a person, some tips for communicating with people who have dementia, and other ways to support people with dementia.

Visit [www.DementiaFriendlyIowa.org](http://www.DementiaFriendlyIowa.org) to find out how to become a Dementia Friend, browse resources, or find out other ways to get involved with Dementia Friendly Iowa. A list of Iowa Dementia resources is also available in the church office; and a list of agencies and resources is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

### DECEMBER is a GREAT TIME for INVITES and RECOMMITMENT

One of the items on the annual Church Conference is a "Membership Report." At our meeting in October, we were presented a long list of persons who are listed as "members" but for whom we have no recorded participation. December is a great time for each of us to get in touch with at least one of those persons. Encourage them to come to worship. BRING that person to worship, or caroling, or Shared Blessings... whatever! Also, the list of people is posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place and by the church office. Look at the list. If you know an address for one of those for whom the office does not have a current address, please submit it!!! As long as a person is a "member," we have responsibility for that person's spiritual growth.

**MEN of 1<sup>ST</sup> UMC!!** Don't let the women have all the fun!!! YOU have been chosen to provide the breakfast for the 2<sup>nd</sup> All-Church Family Huddle to be held January 29. YOU get to name the menu, get the food/ingredients, do the cooking and clean-up. Food is to be ready for serving at 8:45 am. Right now we're looking for a person who will be the Coordinator for the planning, coordination and work. Don't be bashful.



*Merry  
Christmas*

*And Happy New Year  
From Your Church Staff*

**Pastor Paul • Brian Heil • Luke Johnston • Greg Brown  
Jo Brown • Meredith Coppess • Dee Wallace • Daisy Little  
Mary Jo Heil**

## Missions

### Angel Tree

Our church often receives requests for assistance throughout the year from families or individuals in need. The Missions team will once again give you the opportunity to assist local families needing assistance by purchasing specific gift requests.

As you make plans for Christmas, prayerfully consider including the Angel Tree as part of your plans as you are able.



### Thank You!

The Ministerial Association would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you and your congregation for your generous donation. We, and those we help, are truly grateful for your kind gift.

All though there is always a need, I am sure that you feel the great need that those who come to us for help are feeling during this most stressful time.

Again, than you for thinking of us and those in need.

### Christmas Special Offering

Many families are still feeling the effects of the high cost of almost everything. This year's special Christmas offering will be used to purchase food items that will go into food boxes. Your giving will ensure that families in Cedar county will have what is needed for a wonderful holiday meal(s).

You may use the envelope enclosed in this newsletter or indicate "Christmas" on the memo line of your check. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Gail Fleming has agreed to help me with Fellowship Coffee! Thanks so much Gail!

Please sign up for fellowship coffee on the calendar in the Gathering Place. I would like to have the months of January–March filled before I leave for AZ. So please pick a date and sign up. If you have questions call Gail while I am gone, 563-886-2490. Call me at 563-357-1245 before Christmas.

Again feel free to make this as simple as you want. Purchased cookies are fine. If you want to bake that is fine too. I will have printed instructions on the counters in dining room. Some of the fellowship coffees will be held in the Gathering Place because of meetings being held in the dining room.

Thanks.

Becky Young



**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

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

Come let us  
*Adore*  
Him



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck**  
**Tipton FUMC**  
Friday, December 2  
**West Branch Fire Station**  
Tuesday, December 20

### 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)

### Amplify Media

Need ideas for your next GIG study? Take a look at [Amplify Media](#)

Amplify Media is an online resource that we initially went to for Sunday school curriculum but have found it to be filled with resources for bible studies and small groups.

If you are interested, please contact the church office and we will get you set up with an account so you can get your material.

### Youth Group

meet the second and 4th Sunday of the month from 6:30–7:45 pm. All kids 9–19 who are interested in playing in a Christian rock band are encouraged to come.

### The Upper Room

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



Hello,  
Hope all is well!

Thank you for the care package of Halloween candy and bible verses!

Enjoy the rest of your October!

Sara Webb  
Wartburg College-Class of 2024  
Biology, Pre-Veterinary Medicine

**Thank you so much** for the Thanksgiving card and pack of gum!

I hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving full of family and good times!

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### Living Each Day as a Steward!

*"As each has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another as good  
stewards of God's varied grace."*

1 Peter 4:10

As Christian stewards, we seek God's wisdom and strength for the purpose of doing his will. By God's grace, we acknowledge that God is the source of all things, and we live with the awareness that all things are owned by him. When we understand that what we have is on loan to us from God, we live our lives with a different perspective.

As we live each day as stewards, we understand that stewardship is more than a part-time activity. It consists of much more than just isolated deeds of stewardship. We are God's stewards each and every day, throughout the day. Our stewardship is incorporated into a lifestyle. It is what we are. It is our vocation, involving our total devotion. Through our Christian stewardship, we express who we are both in character and conduct. The Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, transforms us through his work of sanctification so that we become like our Chief Steward, Jesus. Through his gift of faith, we live to honor the Lord and seek to follow his ways so we can live each day as stewards.

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

Another item of action by the Church Conference was then termed, “the \$140,000 Challenge.” Here it is:

By August 1, 2023, 1st UMC will have a fund designated for Youth Ministry Leadership in the amount of \$140,000 for the purpose of employing gifted, passionate adult/s to work in youth ministry.

PROCESS: An anonymous donor has offered to match donations dollar for dollar up to \$70,000. Every donation up to that amount will be doubled! Fund Raising can begin immediately and whenever possible would include youth family participation as well as all ages of the church.

To clarify: This means if you give \$1.00, the donor will match that dollar. If you give \$100; the donor will give \$100. The donor family will match dollar-for-dollar up to \$70,000!! (YES! We can raise more than that, too. But only dollars up to the \$70,000 will be “matched.”)

These funds would provide a fund designated to cover costs of dedicated youth leadership. Job description and expectations would be written by the SPRC in conjunction with stakeholders of youth ministry... i.e. youth and youth families, pastor, current adults investing time and talents with youth, etc.

The question was asked: “We don’t have that many youths. Why even think about hiring someone for youth ministry?” (Great question!) Just because there are not many youth right now does not mean the potential is not there. But another way to look at it is thus: Where are the 13 persons who were confirmed in May of 2022?

There is some urgency to getting some legs on this opportunity. Therefore, the August 1, 2023 deadline. This challenge will go no-where unless we get some leadership behind it. We need 2 or 3 persons with passion to get us going and keep the process and progress in front of the congregation. If not YOU, then WHO?

By the way, if you feel blessed at Christmas it would be a great time to consider donating to the Youth Challenge!



And the angel said to them,  
“Fear not, for behold,  
I bring you good news of great  
joy that will be for all the people.  
For unto you is born this day in  
the city of David a Savior, who is  
Christ the Lord”

-Luke 2:10:11



## Community Events

### HOLIDAY COFFEE

First United Church of Christ will be hosting a Holiday Coffee on Friday, December 2 at the church – 600 Mulberry Street.

A presentation of “The Man Who Missed Christmas” will be read by Bill Schwitzer. You will also be treated to the music of Mary Barnum and Moira DePasquale during the program.

As you dine on goodies in Fellowship Hall, Pat Barglof will provide even more music.

**Come Get In The Christmas Spirit!**

### Live Nativity and Beef Sundae Drive Thru

Saturday, December 10 from 5–7 pm at the First United Church of Christ, Tipton.

Watch live nativity stages from the comfort of your car as you wait in line for the Roast Beef Sundae meal. Then follow a lighted trail across town to Hope Church to listen to Christmas music from 5:30–7:30 pm.



## New Horizons Band

### Winter Concert

Diana Blake, Director



December 12, 2022

7:30pm

Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center

*free admission*

**UNI** / University of  
Northern Iowa



## At Christmas, We're ALL 'Children!'

Sunday, December 18

During worship the Sunday school students, along with others, will present their/our Christmas story! There will also be special music by the students.



## October Financials

<b>October 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$15,705.30</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$23,427.14
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$6,216.60
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$448.73
Financial Overhead	\$248.40
Postage	\$34.62
Phone/Internet	\$151.55
Copier Lease	\$143.69
State Inspections	\$392.02
Repairs	\$268.57
Pest Control	\$58.85
GIG Books/Upper Room	\$142.58
Insurance	\$2,162.25
Lawn Maintenance	\$239.35
Background Checks	\$45.00
Office Supplies	\$15.92
Apportionments	\$5,000.00
<b>October 31 Balance</b>	<b>\$23,564.31</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	
Oct. 2 – 50, Oct. 9 – 86, Oct. 16 – 92,	
Oct. 23 – 80, Oct. 30 – 116	



**Thank you** to all those attending the first Church Family Huddle. WOW what a success!! The Thursday morning GIG served over 60 people a delicious breakfast of egg casseroles, fresh fruit, and sweets. The Sunday school, with the help of several adults, did the devotional on strength. With the aid of 2 canned goods and the game “God Says”, we all learned when we hold God at a distance we are weak; when we hold him close to our hearts, we are strong. We then went up to the sanctuary to play with a beach ball. When we caught it, we were to introduce ourselves and tell a bit about us. Great Time!

We hope you all will join in the “Huddle” on January 29th.

If you have an interest in helping with the Church Family Huddle, please contact the office.

Sue Thumma

## Leadership Council

Leadership Council met Nov. 15 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Room. Present: Lois Salmonson, Ron Salmonson, Bob & Ginny Cummins, Laura Hembry, Sue Thumma, Mary Jo Heil, Joyce Slach, Jane Moen, Sylvia Ferguson, Pastor Paul.

Lois opened the meeting. Paul led with prayer.

Sue reviewed the budget for 2023. Motion by Bob C. to accept the budget. Seconded by Laura. Motion carried.

If a group wants funds for a non-budgeted project, a request must be submitted to the Leadership Council or to the appropriate committee.

It was decided to pay interim pastors from the pastor’s salary designated in the budget.

For Christmas services it was suggested to have two services Christmas Eve., 3:30 pm and 9 pm and no service on Christmas day.

Advent candle lighting was decided. A different committee of the church will be in charge each Sunday.

SPRC is working with Pastor Paul to establish a plan for him to be here until the end of December.

Laura reported on trustee activities.

Christmas caroling will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17. Soup supper will follow.

Leadership orientation will be held Dec. 11 in the dining room after worship. Fellowship coffee will be in the Gathering Place for that Sunday.

The next All-Church Huddle will be January 29. The men will be in charge of the breakfast.

Attendance sign-up sheets will be in the pews for December.

Youth ministry was discussed.

Next meeting will be December 20 at 6:30 pm.

Lois closed the meeting.

Sylvia Ferguson  
Secretary

- 1 – Phillip Hargrave, Kinley Williams
- 3 – Abby Cummins-VanScoy
- 5 – Mike Eisele, Teri Ford
- 6 – Morgan Lanning
- 7 – Amanda Paul
- 9 – Mark Lukemyres
- 10 – Chris McKinney
- 12 – Jason & Hannah Brown, Ken & Deb McKay
- 13 – Nancy Burroughs, Bruce Wentzel
- 14 – Dawson Mente, Judy Ohrt, Colbie Schultz
- 15 – Adam Calonder, Bobbie Lieser
- 16 – Kingston Person
- 17 – Kris Kuehl, Dustin Morden
- 18 – Jim Jorgensen, Caden Schultz, Keaton Schultz, Nate & Kim Anderson
- 19 – Lonnie Krenz
- 20 – Drew Oberfrank, Jada Schmidt, Josie Slach
- 21 – Steve Eiler, Derek Nebergall, Lea Stonebraker
- 23 – Cameron Wallick, Ray & Judy Linder
- 24 – Scott Anderson
- 25 – Allan Baird, Ron Burroughs
- 26 – Greg Royer, Ryne Schroeder
- 27 – Corina Lanning, Judy Rouse
- 28 – Les Boots, Tucker Ormsby
- 29 – Marjorie Stonerook
- 30 – Jenny Boldt, Carly Paustian, Mike & Connie Semotan
- 31 – Lisa Allen, Noah Johnson, Jen Royer, Irene Wood

### Now Accepting Scholarship Applications!

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation is offering over 100 scholarships for the 2023–2024 school year! Check out the website <https://iumf.org/scholarships/> to read the criteria and apply! Applications are accepted Dec. 1–Mar. 1 annually.

With over \$250,000 to award this year, we want to help students graduate with less debt!

### Hospitalized/Procedures:

**Healing:** Betty Orr (Greg Brown's aunt), Deb Lowry, Erma Lyle, Anton Slach, Carolyn Wood, Chris Keller, Irene Wood, Glenn Fear, Jo Ann Beers, Nick Brown, Glenn Eaton, Bob Gould, half-brother and nephew of Deb Lowry, Randy Nau, Judy Ohrt

### Prayers for Those in Life Transitions:

Keith & Carolyn Wood, Ken Gould, Rhonda Waugh, Denise Cartwright, Lynn McIntosh

**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:** Joseph Battey, 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

Many times at the end of the year we receive donations that have been sent from financial institutions. One was received from LPL Financial without a name connected with it. If this is you, could you please contact the church office so we can get this added to your record of giving. Thank you.



### First Friday Donuts!

Which this month happens to be December 2. Meet at the United Church of Christ of Tipton to meet, greet, and serve donuts and juice to the high school students. 8 to 8:30 am in the UCC parking lot. Reach out to the church office or Lois Salmonson to add your name to the list.

# November Calendar



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

## Thursday, December 1

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG

## Friday, December 2

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

## Wednesday, December 7

6:30 pm SPRC  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 8

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG

## Saturday, December 10

11–11:45 am Shared  
Blessings

## Sunday, December 11

6:30–7:45 pm Youth Group

## Wednesday, December 14

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 15

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG  
6:30 pm Trustees

## Saturday, December 17

3:30 pm Caroling  
5 pm Soup Supper

## Monday, December 19

6:30 pm Missions

## Tuesday, December 20

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

## Wednesday, December 21

Newsletter Articles Due  
6:30 pm LFP Board  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 22

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG

## Saturday, December 24

11:00–11:45 am Shared  
Blessings

## Sunday, December 25

Merry Christmas!  
No Morning Worship

## Wednesday, December 28

8:30 pm Holy Folders  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 29

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG



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

**Worship** 

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](https://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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## DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 2 — HACAP Mobile Food  
Pantry

Dec. 10 — Shared Blessings

Dec. 11 — Youth Group

Dec. 17 — Caroling & Soup Supper

Dec. 18 — Sunday School Christmas  
program during worship

Dec. 20 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

Dec. 21 — Newsletter Deadline

Dec. 24 — Shared Blessings

Dec. 25 — **Merry Christmas!!**  
No Morning Worship

Dec. 28 — Holy Folders



### Mission Statement:

**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

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