

# Tipton First United Methodist Church

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February 2023

## A Lenten Study – Beginning the week of February 22

“A Jesus-Shaped Life” Forty Days Toward Christ-Likeness

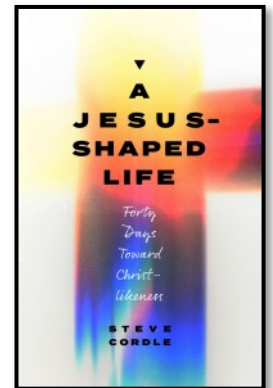
By Steve Cordle

Pastor Melody would like to encourage all the GIGs to use this. Don't belong to a GIG? Feel free to put together a small group or call the office and we can create a new group! This will also be offered online. More information about that will be coming. We will be ordering books soon. Please sign-up for a book on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Cost of book will depend on the number of books that we order.

Here is a preview of the book.

**What if we could . . . Break free from self-destructive sins?  
See and value people like Jesus does? Reflect  
Jesus' love, joy, and peace to others?**

We are constantly being influenced by outside forces—our families, the media, and even our cell phones. Yet God promises to shape us into the image of Jesus. A Jesus-Shaped Life invites you to invest forty days into learning how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit as he transforms you from the inside out. Throughout the course of six weeks, readers will explore selected aspects of Jesus' character and learn how God's grace can be reproduced in his followers. Spiritual exercises and discussion questions combine with daily meditations to create a valuable tool for becoming the person God created us to be.



## Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Join us February 22 at 6:30 pm as we start the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday worship service.

The Missions team will be serving a pancake supper that evening from 5–6 pm. More information can be found on page 8.

### Church Staff

Pastor – **Melody Williams**

Administrative Ministries

Coordinator – **Mary Jo Heil**

Custodian – **Meredith Coppess**

Chancel Singers

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 –

**Kennetha Bigham-Tsai**

Northeast District

Superintendent –

**Rev. Dr. Moody Colorado**

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



## A Word From Pastor Melody

Greetings,

I want all of you to know that I am joyful at the opportunity to serve Christ here with such an incredible company of disciples. Thank you for the gift of participating with all of you in the mission God has for you.

I hope to sit down with everyone and learn more about you and the work God is doing in your lives. Please do not hesitate to call me to schedule a time to visit. I have been delighted to get to know some of you already, and I look forward to getting to know you more!

I know you have been through a challenging time recently, and I pray that we can now walk into a time of healing and mission.

Years ago, in prayer, God gave me a mission of “healing, equipping, sending.” I hope that is what we can be about here at Tipton United Methodist, not only for the church but for every community we are involved in and even extending to the world.

Prayer is one of the most critical aspects of the ministry that is before us. So, I will talk a lot about prayer and encourage you to spend time praying for the church and the mission field that is before us. If you want to learn to pray or are intimidated by prayer, please reach out to me so we can grow in prayer together. I will begin to set some times of gathered prayer, and I hope many will participate (even if you are terrified of praying out loud).

Also, seeing many people operate with the gifts and talents God has given you is beautiful. I hope to see many of every generation be free to use these gifts and talents in the coming months.

Ash Wednesday is coming up on Feb 22, and with that begins a time of reflection and seeking God. I am excited about the church-wide Lenten study we will be doing entitled “A Jesus-Shaped Life: 40 Days Toward Christ-Likeness.” I hope Sunday School Classes, GIG’s, and individuals will join this study. Contact me via Facebook if you are interested in participating in a private Facebook group on this study. Let’s make this a time of drawing near to Christ for the entire church.

May I offer this prayer? Lord, thank you so much for the people of Tipton United Methodist and the ways you work that we do not see. Lord, we ask you for healing where healing is needed and for your equipping to go into the mission field you have set before us. To your praise and glory. Amen.

Praising God for You!

Pastor Melody

### Meet Pastor Melody

If you have a moment and would like to schedule a time to meet with Pastor Melody, she would love to sit down and visit. Talk with her about a time that works for call the church office.



Let's Start a  
PRAYER  
MEETING  
JOIN US

If interested, contact Pastor Melody or the church office and let us know what day works best for you.

# Missions

## 2022 Mission Summary

Our church is blessed with people who care! Whether it is helping with time, food, or funds, everyone helps to make a difference. Thank you everyone for being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ during 2022!

### Local Giving

- Shared Blessings  
51 Saturdays  
Many meals served in the dining room as well as delivered
- HACAP Mobile Food Pantry  
An average of 31 food boxes distributed every month
- Christmas Caroling
- Cedar County Senior Meals
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace (Beds for Kids)
- Vacation Bible School
- Elementary and Middle school – school supplies
- Ministerial Committee
- Community Pumpkin Fest
- Trunk or Treat
- Angel Tree – 2 families
- 6 Campership Scholarships
- Mercy IC Spiritual Care (clothing for patients going home)

### Conference Giving

- Central Iowa Storm Relief
- UMCOR Sunday
- Women at the Well
- Peace & Justice

### National Giving

- Midwest Missions
- Thanksgiving Ingathering  
22 personal dignity kits  
16 school kits  
4 flood buckets
- UMC Special Offerings

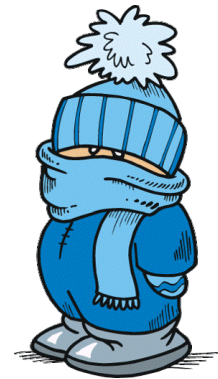
### International Giving

- Mobility Worldwide
- Happiness for the Children of Kenya Orphanage
- UMCOR Ukraine



**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

Saturday, Feb. 11  
Saturday, Feb. 25  
11:00-11:45 am



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck**  
**Tipton FUMC**  
Friday, February 3  
**West Branch Fire Station**  
Tuesday, February 21

**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.



Thank you so much for remembering me on my birthday! I greatly appreciate the card and the Casey's gift card on my special day : )

Sara Webb

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

**Thank you so much** for the Christmas care package!

Sara Webb

Wartburg College-Class of 2024  
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## Now Accepting Scholarship Applications!

Check out the website <https://iumf.org/scholarships/> to read the criteria and apply! Applications are accepted Dec. 1–Mar. 1.

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

## Carroll Mitchell Scholarship (\$1,400 – 1 awarded per year)

For more information or go to <https://iumf.org/scholarships/um-college-scholarships/>

## Carol Mitchell Ministry Scholarship (\$2,100 – 1 awarded per year)

For more information or go to <https://iumf.org/scholarships/um-college-scholarships/>



Providing Quality Education

## Registration for Little Friends Preschool 2023/2024 classes is now open.

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)

# Year-End Financial Information

## 2022 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### INCOME

Contributions	178317.60
Bank Interest	31.07

### EXPENSE

Pastor Salary	48189.50
Pastor Mileage	2184.50
Pastor Business Expense	109.99
Pastor Annual Conf/Cont Ed	195.83
Pension Pd By Church	6691.79
Health Insurance Pd By Church	10311.00
Administrative Assistant	14228.67
Custodian	3994.72
Choir Director	2767.50
Organist/Keyboard	1275.02
Employer Medicare	325.19
Employer Social Security	1390.48
Staff Training/Cont Ed	
Music Subs	
Pulpit Supply	100.00
Background Checks	45.00
Office Supplies	538.49
Postage	712.97
Internet & Phone	1751.92
Copier/Printer Lease	1508.59
Care & Welcoming	
Elevator Maintenance	1701.39
Janitorial Supplies	217.10
Lawn Mowing	519.35
Pest Control	235.40
Property/Workers Comp Insurance	9888.25

**Weave in faith  
and God will  
find the  
thread.**

-Proverb



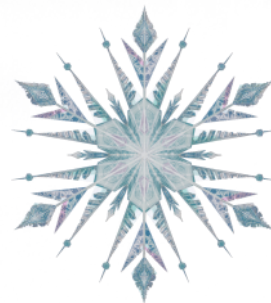
### Super Sub Sunday

On Sunday, February 12 the Missions group will be making 6 inch sub sandwiches. Along with that there will be chips, a drink, and a cookie. Lunch will be served right after worship. If you can't stay, we can make one to go. We can also deliver.

To ensure that we have enough meat and cheese, we ask that you please pre-order. Talk to anyone on the missions group, call the church office, or add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or in the breezeway. All freewill offerings will go to the Tipton Senior Dining.

**The last day to order will be Feb. 10.**

# Year-End Financial Information



To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold.  
–Aristotle

## End-Of-Year Financial Statements

Year-end financial statements are available for pick-up at the back of the sanctuary unless you get yours electronically. If that is the case, you should have yours soon. Please call the church office if you do not receive one.

Repair/Maintenance – Church	1179.63
Snow Removal	1597.50
State Inspections/Certificates	295.00
Utilities – Church	11652.12
Utilities – Parsonage	
Miscellaneous	51.60
Instrument Tuning	849.00
Copyright License	241.00
Worship Supplies	228.65
VANCO Overhead	212.88
Payroll Processing	1924.00
Offering Envelopes	
Apportionments	22558.00
District Asking	1242.00
Lay Member to Annual Conference	
Upper Room/Study Books	101.33
Sunday School	
Advertising – Print	
Advertising – Digital	160.39

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If you have any questions concerning this year-end financial information, please contact Sue Thumma.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

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.

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.

There is a deadline of August 1, 2023. 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?

## December Financials

<b>December 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$15,868.16</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$21,394.98
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$6,266.46
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$738.11
Financial Overhead	\$155.00
Postage	\$39.47
Phone/Internet	\$151.32
Copier Lease	\$147.88
Voluntary Asking	\$1,242.00
Comprehensive Insurance	\$2,745.75
Office Supplies	\$117.76
Instrument Tuning/Repair	\$435.00
Pest Control	\$58.85
<b>November 30 Balance</b>	<b>\$25,165.54</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	
Dec. 4 – 73, Dec. 11 – 63, Dec. 18 – 94,	
Dec. 24 (3:30 pm) – 71, Dec. 24 (9 pm) – 57	



### First Friday Donuts!

Which this month happens to be February 3. 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.

### Winter Weather

With the threat of severe weather, Sunday school and worship service may be cancelled. If this occurs an email will be sent out and a notice will be posted on television stations KCRG and KWQC.



If a group meeting or GIG chooses to cancel, it is the responsibility of the chairperson or GIG leader to inform the rest of the members.



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much to all the Christmas Carolers that braved the cold to come spread Christmas joy at our house — it is truly appreciated!

Blessings,

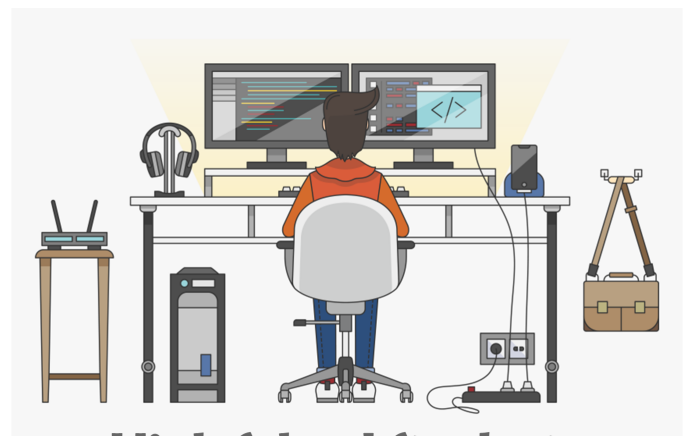
Tom & Lisa Davies  
Leroy Clark

### Prayer Shawl Ministries,

Thank you so much for the prayer shawl. It's so pretty and bright just like Grandma Erma Lyle's smile.

This prayer shawl will be something I will use & think of Erma whenever I see it. Your kindness is appreciated during this time of loss.

Alyssa Amelow



### High School Students

Earn Silver Chord hours by editing videos!  
If interested, talk to Pastor Melody.

- 1 – Dylan Mente, Todd & Hannah Smith
- 4 – Teri Baird, Arlo & Barbara Petersen
- 5 – Sandra Corbett
- 7 – Bev Ehresman
- 8 – Stephanie Voss, Skyler Winekauf-Schmidt
- 9 – Traci Ormsby, Chris & Joyce Slach
- 10 – Eric Clark
- 11 – Lonnie Nebergall, Bert Wagaman, Amanda & Jacob Paul
- 12 – Shane Boeve
- 14 – Hadley Calonder, Nathan Smith, Brandon Stark, Wayne & Ann Neville
- 15 – Kerilynn Battey, Larry Houstman
- 16 – Nicki Aikman, Kinsley Trenkamp, Bob & Ginny Cummins
- 20 – Sheryl Yerington
- 21 – Ken McKay, Ron & Nancy Burroughs
- 22 – Alex Anderson, Thatcher Blank
- 23 – Glenn Eaton, James Gardner, Ron Wingert
- 25 – JoAnn Brennan, Jerry Elijah, Jack Fleming, Randy Nau, Arlo Petersen
- 26 – Jaclynne Driscoll
- 27 – Brad Kirkpatrick
- 28 – Stephanie Shaull, Dee Wallace
- 29 – Brock Huston



Join Us February 22 from 5-6 pm

### Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper

The Mission team will be serving up pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee

### Ash Wednesday Worship Service

will follow at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary

### Hospitalized/Procedures:

**Healing:** Cheryl Person, Margaret Ketelsen, Bob Rickard, Betty Orr (Greg Brown's aunt), Deb Lowry, 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

### Individuals & Families Experiencing Loss:

The family of Randy Bormann who died January 5

Mary Vang and family after the death of her nephew Mike Snyder

### 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, 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



Think **SPRING!**

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**SPRING!**



# February Calendar

## Every Sunday

8:45 am Youth  
Sunday School  
9 am Wired Word  
9 am GIG  
10 am Worship

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

## Wednesday, February 1

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

## Thursday, February 2

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG

## Friday, February 3

3:30–4:30 pm HACAP Food  
Truck

## Wednesday, February 8

6:30 pm Trustees  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, February 9

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG

## Saturday, February 11

11–11:45 am Shared Blessings

## Sunday, February 12

11:15 Super Sub Sunday  
Lunch  
6:30–7:45 pm Youth Group

## Wednesday, February 15

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

## Thursday, February 16

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG

## Monday, February 20

6:30 pm Missions

## Tuesday, February 21

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

## Wednesday, February 22

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

## Thursday, February 23

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG

## Saturday, February 25

11:00–11:45 am Shared  
Blessings

## Sunday, February 26

11:15 am Creative Worship  
3 pm Worship @ Cedar  
Manor  
6:30–7:45 pm Youth Group



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

**Worship LIVE**

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](http://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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February

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb. 3 — HACAP Mobile Food  
Pantry

Feb. 11 — Shared Blessings

Feb. 12 — Super Sub Sunday Lunch  
Youth Group

Feb. 15 — Newsletter Deadline

Feb. 21 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

Feb. 22 — Holy Folders  
Ash Wednesday Pancakes  
Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 25 — Shared Blessings

Feb. 26 — Worship @ Cedar Manor  
Youth Group



### Mission Statement:

**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

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