

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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Coordinator – **Mary Jo Heil**

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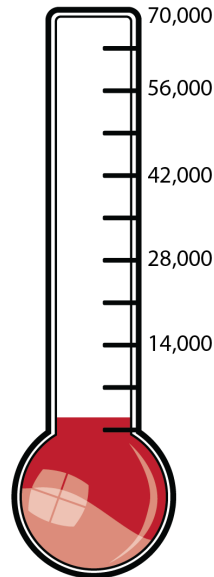
Little Friends Preschool
Director and Teacher –
Daisy Little

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!**



YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

Ask yourself, “how important is the presences of youth in our church?” Now prayerfully consider what you can do to help make a Youth Ministry a reality here at FUMC Tipton.

By August 1, 2023 a fund designated for Youth Ministries needs to have a balance of \$70,000. This will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, by an anonymous donor.

Our goal isn't just \$140,000.

Our goal is to have a Youth Ministry Leader!



Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

A Word From Pastor Melody

Hello Church!

As I write this, I pray that God will be present with you, that you are growing in your relationship with him, and that God is directing your path in all things.

There are a number of you who signed up to participate in our Lenten study. Please continue, even when you have days you did not finish your reading. Stay encouraged, and press on. I love this study! I hope you do too. It puts into words the difficulty of balancing “I need to do this” with “God help me, and do this in me.” I have created a private Facebook page for comments and questions on this study. If you are not a member, message the church or me to be added.

Facebook? Yes, if you did not know, we have a Facebook page. Facebook is one way to grow our online presence and be there for those unable to be with us on Sunday mornings. Our online Facebook campus is a place to build community, and it is a place where we can offer prayer to one another and grow in our faith. I hope we grow this aspect of our ministry, and I need your help. Let us know if you are on Facebook and want to help with posts or sharing. If you wish to have training on how to use Facebook, let us know. If you have friends, family, neighbors, or acquaintances who don't live in the area or can't connect with us, let them know about this page. Of course, like and follow it if you join us in person!

Another resource for growing in your faith that we are working to develop is the YouVersion Bible App. In the coming weeks, we will extend this more. I have started a church page on this app to send prayers, suggested studies, and more. There will be more coming out about this soon.

All of this brings me to a significant ask. We need those of you who use resources to help grow this aspect of our ministry. I would love to develop a social media team. Will you be a part? Please reach out to me, and we can talk.

In great anticipation of what God is doing in our midst,

Pastor Melody

YouVersion Bible App – What Is It?

We wholeheartedly believe a daily rhythm of seeking intimacy with God has the power to transform lives.

That's why YouVersion creates biblically centered, culturally relevant experiences that encourage and challenge people to seek God throughout each day.

It's through these experiences we create opportunities fit for anyone's daily routine, ultimately helping them form a spiritually-rich rhythm of seeking God intimately.

Our hope is that each person in our community is on an active journey to become who God made them to be, abiding in Him, and drawing closer every day.

If you would like to download the app, go to <https://www.youversion.com/>

**Everything
starts with faith.
Faith causes us to see
good things in the future,
and because of this
we develop a
vision of success and
prosperity in life.**

–Casey Treat

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Missions

Shared Blessings Year-End Wrap-up

Did you know that Shared Blessings has been serving up meals to all that would like one since 2010? Over the years there's been a mighty, yet sometimes small crew, quietly working to put this together twice a month. On average, that is 24 Saturdays a year.

Heidi Shumaker and Heather Strefling are the current "ladies in charge" of making Shared Blessings happen. Thank you for your time and dedication!

If you or a group you belong to would like to help serve Shared Blessings please reach out to Heidi, Heather, or call the church office and we'll get you signed up. Additional help is always welcome! High school students can gain Silver Chord time for helping.

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. We were able to send 8 last year!!

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!

First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund

Once per year the Leadership Council considers proposals for the use of income from the FUMC Endowment Fund. Please submit any proposals to the church office before May 1! There are three designated categories from which funds may be requested:

Missions/People projects: local, district, conference, national, international

Maintenance/Trustees: major repairs, major improvements, special objects or furnishings

Ministry/Program Development: education, communication, evangelism, worship...

Guidelines state that income from Endowments may never go toward on-going, budgeted expenses of the church. Furthermore, the founding document states: The existence of this Endowment Fund must in no way reduce the responsible current support and involvement of the church members. Proposals may come from groups, committees or individuals, though it's preferred they come from a group or committee. **A reminder: YOU are invited to add your financial gifts to the First UMC Endowment Fund!!**



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

**Saturday, March 11
Saturday, March 25
11:00-11:45 am**

Super Sub Sunday

Thank you to all who joined us for Subs on February 12. It was a great time for some much needed fellowship! The free will offering total was \$423 and that will go to the Senior Meals site here in Tipton.



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

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

**Income Eligibility
Guidelines Apply**

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 March/April are here. You can pick one up at the back of the church, in the Gathering Place, or in the breezeway.



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.



Hello,

Thank you for the Kleenexes, chapstick, and gum!

I hope your New Year is off to a great start! I am starting my 2023 in Denver, Colorado for the semester where I am interning at the Denver Botanic Gardens. I am very blessed to have this opportunity!

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



**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

Church Family Huddle

It was so great to see the generations working together and having fun on January 29th. The fun consisted of appointing a person from your table to be spokesperson. That person then had to pick a hat from the pile consisting of baseball helmet, cowboy hat, stocking cap, sun hat, straw hat, Air Force hat, and more. Each table was then given a bag containing buttons, black dots, scotch tape, a scarf, Hugs candy, a corncob pipe, and a roll of toilet paper. The persons at the table then had to make their spokesperson a snowman. As you can see by the photos, everyone did a great job.

The program for the morning was new years resolutions. This resolution gave you permission to **LIE** back and relax a bit more this year. **CHEAT** failure (don't be afraid to start something new). **DRINK** from the fountain of knowledge. **SWEAR** to do your best. **STEAL** a little more time for God.

Thanks to Ken Muller, Bruce Wentzel, Chuck Gough, Wayne Hunt, Patrick Gregory, Ron and Lois Salmonson, and Gary Thumma for fixing breakfast. The French toast and fruit cup were delicious. Mark your calendars; the next family huddle will be April 30th.



January Financials

January 1 Balance	\$25,165.54
Income	
Contributions	\$21,638.89
Expenses	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$8,857.49
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$1,477.98
Financial Overhead	\$155.00
Postage	\$39.54
Phone/Internet	\$151.15
Copier Lease	\$102.28
Sunday School	\$24.99
Snow Removal	\$256.60
GIG Book/Upper Room	\$25.80
Insurance	\$656.00
Custodial Supplies	\$39.95
Office Supplies	\$65.95
January 31 Balance	\$34,951.70
Worship Attendance	
Jan. 1 – 40, Jan. 8 – 89, Jan. 15 – 70,	
Jan. 22 – 77, Jan. 29 – 41	

Basic Lay Servant Training Lay Servant Ministries – BASIC COURSE

This class is the beginning foundation for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

Basic Lay Servant Ministries

Friday, March 10, 6–9 pm
Saturday, March 11 9–4 pm
Independence, First UMC

For More information on the Basic Training and/or to register [Pictured Rocks Basic Lay Servant Training March 2023 \(brtapp.com\)](http://brtapp.com)

First Friday Donuts

The weather may have beat us in Feb., but we'll be back – March 3 @ 8 am in the UCC parking lot!

If you have a few minutes to spare, come help serve donuts to our high school students.

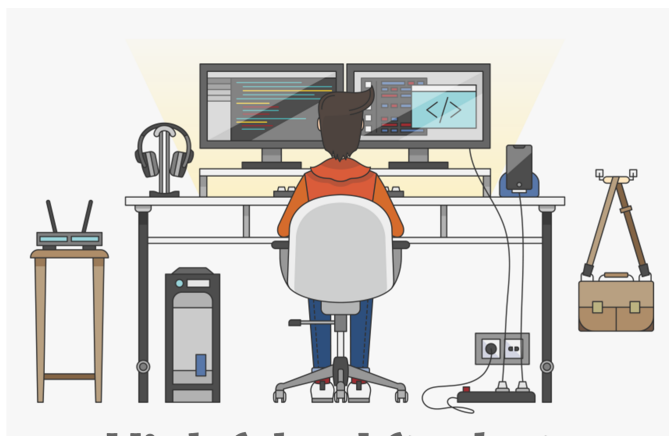


Winter Weather

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.



High School Students

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

The only difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is the way in which we use them.

–Anonymous

- 1 – Jeff Ormsby, Kathy Vance
- 2 – Eldon Beers, Frank Bierman, Jack Shipley, Bonnie Swick, Merlyn & Helen Timm
- 3 – Phil Seydel, Hannah Smith
- 4 – Katie Shaull,
- 5 – Ken Gould, Alexander Wright
- 7 – Blair Nebergall
- 9 – Mary Katheryn Gault-Allen, Rob Glick, Mary McKinney
- 10 – Kevin Anderson, Betty Elijah, Dorie Kordick-Wanek, Rich Urban & Kiaya Rickard-Urban
- 11 – Caroline Wright
- 12 – Brandon Martin, Katie Rippentrop, Kelsie Thomas
- 13 – Alaina Butler, Ellen Fear, Lily Johnson, Todd Smith
- 14 – Sherry Schmidt
- 15 – Jesse Lieser
- 16 – Cortney Curry, David Waugh, Kevin & Dawn Spickermann
- 17 – Renee Droll, Nathan Leslie, Pastor Jenny
- 18 – Lynn Gallagher
- 19 – Bonnie Merritts, Garry O’Leary, Nicole Paul, Marc Weaver, Rick & Judy Rouse
- 20 – Jason Brown, Erik Eisele
- 21 – Roberta Gesling
- 22 – Lesley Puffer, Craig & Kim Regennitter
- 23 – Adam Fitch, Judy Linder
- 25 – Dave Fetterman
- 26 – Chase Timmerman
- 27 – Carmen Hoffman, Quinn LeDoux
- 28 – Amelia Cundiff
- 29 – Carly Puffer
- 30 – Blake Beck, Cameron Ozburn
- 31 – Alvin & Mary Wright

You will find it is necessary to let things go, simply for the reason that they are too heavy.

–Corrie ten Boom

Healing: Chris Edwards (Pastor Melody’s brother), Alberta Wagaman, Bob Rickard, Betty Orr (Greg Brown’s aunt), Deb Lowry, 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 Linda Gade (Margaret Ketelsen’s sister) who died Feb. 6
 The family of Hugh Stumbo who’s funeral was held at the church Feb. 18

Prayers for Those in Life Transitions:
 Keith & Carolyn Wood, Ken Gould, Rhonda Waugh, Denise Cartwright, Lynn McIntosh

In Treatment: Margaret Ketelsen, 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 grand-daughter), Chris Ward

Hospice/Palliative Care:

Armed Services: Dustin Kushnereit (Lisa Davies’ son-in-law), 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



Hello,

Thank you so much for thinking of me on Valentines’ Day!

Hope you were all able to spend it with loved ones!

Best,

Sara Webb

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

March 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, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Friday, March 3

3:30–4:30 pm HACAP Food Truck

Monday, March 6

5:30 pm – Caring Ministries

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Saturday, March 11

11–11:45 am Shared Blessings

Sunday, March 12

6:30–7:45 pm Youth Group

Wednesday, March 15

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

Thursday, March 16

10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Monday, March 20

6:30 pm Missions

Tuesday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 22

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

Thursday, March 23

10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Saturday, March 25

11:00–11:45 am Shared Blessings

Sunday, February 26

11:15 am Creative Worship
6:30–7:45 pm Youth Group

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on March 12.

**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 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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January 25, 2023

Have a sincere desire to
serve God and mankind,
and stop doubting,
stop thinking negatively.

Simply start living
by faith,
pray earnestly
and humbly,

and get into the habit
of looking expectantly
for the best.

—Norman Vincent Peale

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MARCH EVENTS

Mar. 3 — HACAP Mobile Food
Pantry

Mar. 11 — Shared Blessings

Mar. 12 — Youth Group

Mar. 15 — Newsletter Deadline

Mar. 21 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

Mar. 22 — Holy Folders

Mar. 25 — Shared Blessings

Mar. 26 — Youth Group



Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

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