

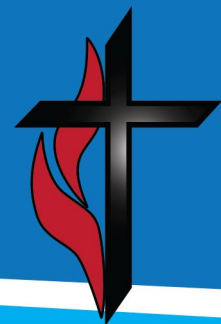
# Tipton First United Methodist Church

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## Church Staff

Pastor – **Melody Williams**

Administrative Ministries

Coordinator – **Mary Jo Heil**

Custodian – **Meredith Coppess**

Chancel Singers

Director – **Position Open**

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!**

## **“MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER”**

**MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER**, a vivid and exciting demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover, will be held on Tuesday, April 4, at 6 pm at the First United Methodist Church, Tipton. This visual presentation will be conducted by Robin B. of Chosen People Ministries.

**MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER** begins with the traditional Passover Seder table – complete with all the articles of this important Jewish celebration. The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper that Messiah celebrated with the disciples, giving special emphasis on the redemptive significance of the crucifixion.

**MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER** gives the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions so that the Jewish roots of Christianity can be better understood. This program also helps the Jewish and Christian communities understand their common heritage.

This meeting is open to the public. Both the Christian as well as the Jewish community are invited to attend. A love offering will be received. For more information, please call or email the contact above.

*Chosen People Ministries is over 128 years old, an evangelical mission that was founded in 1894 by Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah promised by the Hebrew Scriptures. From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, New York, Chosen People Ministries has grown into a worldwide ministry to “the Jew first and to the Gentile.” More information is online at [chosenpeople.com](http://chosenpeople.com).*



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

## A Word From Pastor Melody

Greetings!

I remember going to church for Easter with my family. At that time, we would occasionally darken the door of a neighborhood church for Easter Sunday. That particular year daylight savings time started on Easter, and we arrived an hour late and did not go to Easter service again as a family.

Years later, after becoming a pastor, I began to appreciate the rest of Holy Week even more. Each Palm Sunday, I meditate on the fluctuation of human nature. At the beginning of the week, we praise him, and in a few short days (with unmet expectations), we shout, “crucify him.” Perhaps we are not crying, “Crucify him,” but we could be complaining that we are not getting what we think we deserve.

In Holy Week, we take time to reflect more profoundly on the Lord’s Supper. At this moment in time, we stop. We think about those disciples gathered at the last meal they will share with their teacher. We remember him bowing down to wash their feet, taking on the form of a servant, demonstrating to them who they/we were to become one day.

We remember Good Friday, a day that seems anything but good in so many ways. On this day, the crowds not only turned away from the one that came to save, but they also mocked him! And, most of those that had professed to be his friends were scattered, fearful for their own lives, hiding rather than following through with promises to be with him to the end.

Saturday. Saturday is a day we often ignore. That day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. But, oh, the meaning that is in Holy Saturday. This silent time. Christ has died. People are confused. They do not know where to turn. Dreams appear destroyed. Silence. Questions. Lostness. The pain and questions we experience in life become manifest on Holy Saturday. Yet, in this time, when it feels as if nothing is happening, Christ is at work. He is preaching in the depths to those that are in the depths. He is reaching into the silence and pain saying I am here, I am here, just wait and watch! Sunday is coming! Are you ready?!

Then Sunday comes. The resurrection is upon us. The sun rises on an empty tomb. Rustlings begin to happen, and word spreads. Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Some believe, some question, and some need proof. We see their reactions and think about how we relate to each of those who encounter Christ. Mary in the garden hears his voice. Thomas needs to see the nails in his hands. Peter denied him just a few days ago and needs to hear, “Feed my sheep.” Christ continues to speak to our humanity and our need for him wherever we find ourselves. Hope is resurrected. Calling is discovered. The mission is placed before us. Christ is Risen!



### Resurrection Sunday Worship

Ecumenical Easter Sunday sunrise worship service,  
April 9 at 6:30 a.m. at the Tipton City Park, upper  
shelter. Then afterwards you are invited to  
breakfast at First UCC from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. for  
breakfast casseroles, pastries, fruit, and drinks.



# Missions

## Summer Camp

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp. Info about the two Methodist church camps, along with Summer Games University, are available. You can stop in the office and find out more or you can visit [www.iaumc.org/camps](http://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 7 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!

Another option would be Summer Games University. The mission of Summer Games is to engage students in their relationships with Jesus, other Christians, and local community to achieve full participation in the Church. We accomplish this mission through a one-week camp experience on campus at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. Summer Games offers students the chance to connect with peers from across the state, receive mentorship and guidance from their huddle leaders, and have fun in worship and games.

Scholarships for this week-long camp are available through the Mission group. For more information, contact the church office. And for more information about Summer Games University, visit <https://sgu.camp/>

## 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, April 8  
Saturday, April 22  
11:00-11:45 am**

[www.facebook.com/TiptonUMC/](http://www.facebook.com/TiptonUMC/)



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck**

**Tipton FUMC**

**Friday, April 7**

**West Branch Fire Station**

**Tuesday, April 18**

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



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)

## Church Family Huddle

April 30

@ 8:45

Leadership Council will be cooking and serving breakfast.

**Everyone is welcome!**

A freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses.

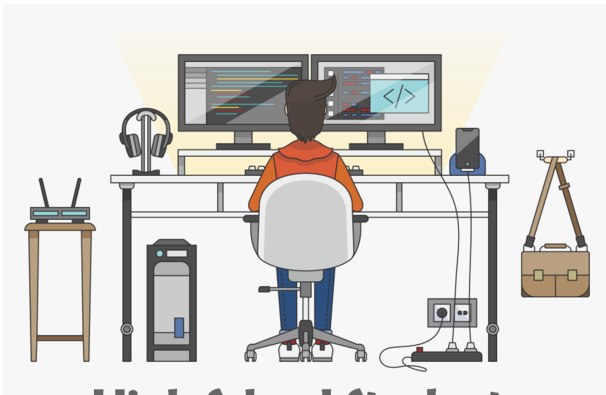


# February Financials

<b>February 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$34,951.70</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$14,615.99
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$13,327.21
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$1,875.10
Financial Overhead	\$175.00
Postage	\$39.94
Phone/Internet	\$150.71
Copier Lease	\$126.30
Sunday School	\$29.99
Snow Removal	\$714.73
GIG Book/Upper Room	\$393.04
Insurance	\$559.00
Elevator Maintenance	\$434.85
Maintenance	\$4,342.77
Pulpit Supplies	\$100.00
Worship Supplies	\$20.73
Pastor-Cont. Education	\$249.00
<b>February 28 Balance</b>	<b>\$27,029.32</b>

## Worship Attendance

Feb. 5 – 78, Feb. 12 – 78, Feb. 19 – 55,  
Feb. 26 – 74



## High School Students

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

## First Friday Donuts

We will be serving up donuts to the high school students on April 7 @ 8 am in the UCC parking lot!

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



In 2020 we decided to sell our home of 27 years. We closed on the sale in August of 2021 just before the housing market went crazy. Our timing couldn't have been worse! We suddenly found ourselves without a place to stay as we couldn't find any affordable housing in the Tipton or surrounding areas. However, you all came to the rescue! Through your Board of Trustees we were afforded the opportunity to rent the parsonage. It was sitting empty, which isn't good for a building, and our rent payments would then go towards the remodeling of the kitchen and other updates. It was a win-win! Now after 18 months we are in the process of moving out and into a new home in Red Oak Township. So, THANK YOU to everyone at Tipton First United Methodist Church! And, especially thank you to Pastor Melody who allowed us to remain in the parsonage when she accepted her appointment here this year.

We are indeed very blessed to have each of you in our lives.

Greg & Sandy Brown

## Iowa UM Camps: Summer Staff/Volunteers Needed

Know someone 18+ years old, interested in youth ministry?

Summer-long paid positions providing fun, faith-filled experiences for youth and families.

Okoboji UM Camp: Kali - [Program@okobojicamp.com](mailto:Program@okobojicamp.com) - [www.okobojicamp.com](http://www.okobojicamp.com)

Wesley Woods UM Camp: Mikaela - [Program@wesleywoodsowa.org](mailto:Program@wesleywoodsowa.org) - [www.wesleywoodsowa.org](http://www.wesleywoodsowa.org)

Additional Information Iowa UM Camp: <https://www.iaumc.org/camps>

- 1 – Jennifer Gaunt, Amy Glick
- 3 – Kristen Charette
- 4 – Natalie Coppess
- 5 – Terry Hoy, Andy Nash,  
Ethan & Samantha Wulf
- 6 – Scott Cartwright
- 7 – Matt Jackson
- 8 – Craig Rekemeyer, Coryn Wallick
- 9 – Grady Glick
- 10 – Addison Butler, Stuart Clark
- 11 – Braydon Calonder, Randy & Chris  
Amosson, David & Ruth Ann Beers
- 13 – Andrew Comstock, April Esbeck,  
Jacob Ketelsen, Bob Rochau, Jack Boldt,  
Lauren Gregory, KiaLeigh Rickard-  
Urban, Karen Strefling
- 17 – Danny Ford
- 18 – Tom Ehresman, Chris Schultz
- 19 – Carol Anderson
- 20 – Twyla Hein, Randy & Tina Nau
- 21 – Amber Boedeker, Calvin Kuehl,  
Mary Wright, Chris VanScoy & Abby  
Cummins-VanScoy
- 23 – Denise Errthum, Donna Wiskus
- 24 – Wayne & Nanette Behrens,  
Craig & Gail Jackson
- 26 – Rosie Blank, Adam & Katie Rippentrop
- 27 – Kelly Smith, Rich Urban
- 28 – Connor Boeve, Adam Heil,  
Robert & Denise Errthum
- 29 – Daulton Mente, Maddie Swick
- 30 – Margaret O’Leary, Owen Steinman,  
Duane Webb, Kim Cross & Twyla Hein

**Healing:** Jim Thiele, Gary Thiele (Lois Salmonson’s brothers), Chris Edwards (Pastor Melody’s brother), Alberta Wagaman, Bob Rickard, Betty Orr (Greg Brown’s aunt), Deb Lowry, Carolyn Wood, 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:** Margaret Ketelsen family, Carolyn Wood and family after the passing of Keith on March 11

**Prayers for Those in Life Transitions:** 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 grand-daughter), Chris Ward

**Hospice/Palliative Care:**

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

## Easter Offering

This year’s Easter offering will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. A non-profit dedicated to building beds for kids in our community! Our chapter is a 100% volunteer organization. Your donation stays in our community and serves kiddos right here. All funds are used to build and deliver our fully furnished beds. Our expenses include tools, lumber and hardware for Build Days and new mattresses, bedding and pillows for deliveries. Volunteers are always needed to help build. No experience necessary. If you would like to join the mission team, there is a bed build on Sunday, May 7, 2023, 1 –4 pm. Central Park, 12512 Central Park Rd, Center Junction, IA.

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. In Iowa and across the U.S., too many boys and girls go without a bed – or even a pillow – to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health. That’s where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We’re a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

**NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!®**



# April 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.

## Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday!

Procession of palms during worship.

## Tuesday, April 4

6 pm Messiah and the Passover

## Wednesday, April 5

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 6

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

## Friday, April 7

3:30–4:30 pm HACAP Food Truck

6:30 pm Good Friday Service of Tenebrae

## Saturday, April 8

11–11:45 am Shared Blessings

## Sunday, April 9 **EASTER!!**

6:30 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service at the Park

7:30 am Breakfast at UCC

10:00 Worship at FUMC

6:30–7:45 pm Youth Group

## Tuesday, April 11

6:30 pm SPRC

6:30 pm Missions

## Wednesday, April 12

6:30 pm Trustees

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 13

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

## Tuesday, April 18

2 pm Worship @ Prairie Hills

6:30 pm Leadership Council

## Wednesday, April 19

Newsletter Articles Due

6:30 pm LFP Board

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

7:00 pm Abigail Circle

## Thursday, April 20

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

## Saturday, April 22

11–11:45 am Shared Blessings

## Sunday, April 23

11:15 am Creative Worship

6:30–7:45 pm Youth Group

## Wednesday, April 26

8:30 pm Holy Folders

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 27

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

## **Have you ever wanted**

to be a part of something bigger than the local church?

Have you ever wanted to serve your church brothers and sisters in Christ? This opportunity might be for you!

The Diakonos (Greek for a servant) Leadership Development program application is open for 15 high schoolers from around the state to assist during the IA Annual Conference 2023 session from June 1–4 at the RecPlex in Des Moines, IA.

Diakonos will help deliver communications, directions, aide and assist those attending, learn about the United Methodist Church and its processes, have fun, and do lots of other activities.

The application, letter of reference, health form, and housing deposit check must be mailed and postmarked by Monday, May 1, 2023. Candidate selection will be announced after May 6.

Mail all forms to Pastor Steve Braudt, P.O. Box 57, Wilton, IA 52778. The original documents with signatures are needed. Essays can be emailed to:  
Pastorstevebraudt@gmail.com

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## APRIL EVENTS

April 4 — Messiah In The Passover

April 7 — HACAP Mobile Food  
Pantry

Good Friday/Service of Tenebrae

April 8 — Shared Blessings

April 9 — **EASTER!**

April 18 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

April 19 — Newsletter Deadline  
Abigail Circle

April 22 — Shared Blessings

April 23 — Youth Group

April 26 — Holy Folders



### Mission Statement:

**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

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