

# Tipton First United Methodist Church

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## Congratulations Class of 2023!

Members of the graduating class for 2023 include:



### Ava Boldt

parents are Jenny Boldt and Doug Boldt

### Molly Chapman

parents are Stacy Chapman and Brad Chapman

### Levi Daniel

parents are Vicky and Steve Daniel

### Morgan Lanning

parents are Shayne Lanning and Bryan Lanning

### Margaret O'Leary

parents are Michelle and Gary O'Leary

### Caden Schmidt

parents are Amanda Schmidt and Brian Schmidt

### Coryn Wallick

parents are Diane and Jeff Wallick

### Kayla Walter

parents are Kim and Jason Walter

### Mackenzie Walter

parents are Kim and Jason Walter

### Zak Wright

parents are Judi Wright and Ben Wright

### Connor Boeve

parents are Christine and Shane Boeve

### Colin Nash

parents are Kerri and Andy Nash

### Davis Webb

parents are Penny and Duane Webb

The seniors will be recognized during worship service on May 14 with a reception following in the dining room.

### 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!**



## A Word From Pastor Melody

Hello Everyone!

Christ is Risen! Yes, we are still celebrating Resurrection Day. In Acts 1:3, we read, “He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” On May 18<sup>th</sup> many will celebrate Ascension Day, which commemorates the ending of those 40 days, the charge to the church, and the witness of Christ ascending into heaven in bodily form.

The charge to the church is the Great Commission. We often quote this command from Matthew 28:18–20, “And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” We also find versions of this commission in Mark 16:15–18, Luke 24:44–48, Acts 1, and John 20:21–23. These are the commands Jesus gave his disciples before he ascended into heaven, where he now sits at the right hand of God the Father, interceding (praying) for us (Romans 8:34).

The Great Commission is the charge, the command, but Christians often feel defeated. I wonder if it is because we attempt to accomplish this high and holy calling in our flesh when the victory only comes through God working in and through us. That is why I get so excited about Pentecost! Pentecost is, in so many ways, the culmination of what Christ did through coming to earth as a baby, suffering and dying on our behalf, being raised from the dead, and ascending into heaven. He sent the Holy Spirit to empower the church in the charge he presented before ascending into heaven.

Going under the power of the Holy Spirit was so important. Jesus told the disciples what they would do but told them to wait in Jerusalem until they had received the gift of God living within them so they could accomplish the task set before them. God has given us that same gift! We do not only get to participate in the work God has given us, we get to do it with him doing it!

This Pentecost Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate that God is still with us. If you can come dressed in something red, that would be great! If you don't have anything red, come anyway. Let's celebrate!

### Sunday Servants Sign Up

Starting in May, in an effort to make life easier for both those that sign-up and those that coordinate activities, we will be asking folks to go to the link below when signing up for Sunday morning jobs during worship service.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4AABA62BA5FA7-sunday>

It's a fairly easy process. Go to the link, scroll down to the day(s) you would like to sign up for and click the button. Fill in your name and email address then click save. There may be a few annoying ads that pop up but just click no and they will stop.

Wayne Hunt will still be coordinating the ushers/greeters and acolytes and Becky Young will still be lining up Fellowship Coffee so if you feel more comfortable in contacting them directly you can still do that. You can also contact the church office.

## Missions

### Helping Rebuild the Habitat Warehouse

As a result of the March 31 storms that brought tornadoes through towns and across Eastern Iowa, our 5,760 sq. ft. warehouse used as the main storage space for our construction tools, supplies, materials, safety equipment, vehicles, trailers – everything necessary to build and repair homes – is a total loss. At this time, we have no plans to stop building and improving homes, especially now that our neighbors impacted by the storms are in need of home repairs. To continue this critical work without interruption in our services, we are looking to the support of the Iowa Valley community to raise funds and rebuild the Habitat warehouse.

Because of the huge impact Habitat for Humanity has on many people's lives, we will be using the Copper Kettle offerings from May 7 and May 14 to help them rebuild.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation on either of these days.

### 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) or <https://sgu.camp/>

**Camp changes lives!**

### Youth Leadership Challenge

One of our missional priorities as a church is a Youth Leadership Challenge. We want to further engage youth in the life of the church. One of the ways we can do this is by hiring a person who is dedicated to working with the young people of our church. We are hoping this person will help with all levels of youth and children's ministry, including helping with curriculum, creating life-giving meaningful programs for youth, and reaching out into the community.

If we raise \$70,000 as a church, a very generous anonymous donor will match that figure! This money would be used to hire a youth coordinator and continue to be seed money to help maintain that position. We need you to meet this challenge. We ask that each person prayerfully consider how much they could give over and above normal giving for this important work. In the coming weeks we are going to keep this challenge before you and hope everyone from the congregation will take a step of faith to give to this challenge.



**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

**Saturday, May 13  
Saturday, May 27  
11:00-11:45 am**

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**HACAP Mobile Food Truck  
Tipton FUMC  
Friday, May 5  
West Branch Fire Station  
Tuesday, May 16**

**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)**

## Youth Group

meets the 2nd 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 May/June are here. You can pick one up at the back of the church, in the Gathering Place, or in the breezeway.

## Abigail Circle

will be meeting on **May 17 @ 7 pm** in the Gathering Place

All women of the church are invited!

**Abigail Circle** met on Wednesday, April 19 with 7 lovely ladies present. We plan to serve Shared Blessings on May 13 and there are plans for a fundraising event in the works. We had a yummy treat, some pleasant conversation and a lesson. We encourage anyone that would enjoy an evening out to join us on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. We will meet in May and June, then take a couple months off. We would love to have you join us!

Thank you  
Gail



**Last day for Sunday school will be May 14!  
Join us for an end-of-year  
celebration on that day!**

Plans are in the works for youth get-togethers during the summer months. Watch for details in the newsletter and the bulletins.

## First Friday Donuts

We will be serving up donuts to the high school students on May 5 @ 8 am in the UCC parking lot!

This will be the last one for this school year. So if you would like to help, now's your chance!



Thank you so much for the Easter basket!

Have a wonderful Easter weekend!

**Sara Webb**

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

# March Financials

<b>March 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$27,029.32</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$11,782.73
Transfer from DF	\$6,308.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$11,048.75
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$1,886.74
Financial Overhead	\$175.00
Postage	\$102.56
Phone/Internet	\$256.84
Copier Lease	\$133.75
Sunday School	\$54.98
Snow Removal	\$555.27
GIG Book/Upper Room	\$25.80
Pest Control	\$58.85
Trustees (Desk)	\$624.63
Office Supplies	\$332.87
Pastor Exp/Cont. Ed	\$185.69
Apportionments	\$7,500.00
<b>March 31 Balance</b>	<b>\$22,178.32</b>

## Worship Attendance

March 5 – 53, March 12 – 67, March 19 – 67,  
March 26 – 68

## What are your missional priorities?

You will soon be getting an opportunity to let us know what you think those priorities are. We will be sending out a survey asking you to rank a list that the leadership of the church has come up with. You may also add to it if you have something that you think should be a priority.

Not only do we want to identify those priorities, we want to make sure that we act on them. An email will be sent out as well as announcements during church letting everyone know when the survey will be available. If you do not have internet service you may pick up a paper copy at the back of the sanctuary, fill it out and return it to the office as soon as possible.



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I will be taking on our church's Ingathering project, which I think is pretty cool.

Each month I'll focus on a specific Ingathering Kit and ask you to donate some or all of the items needed for that month's kit. As the year rolls on we may double back and re-visit some kits done earlier, perhaps because the kits are really needed or maybe because the items we collected earlier created some partial kits we want to complete. If you want to help but don't have time or the ability to run around looking for this stuff (this month's list is pretty easy, some will be more difficult), no problem – just donate some cash, tell us it's for this month's kit, I'll figure out what we need and do the running around and shopping for you. At the end of the month I'll put the kits together and we'll move on to the next month's kit.

The people who run this program are fairly adamant about a few conditions. The ones that pertain to you are: All items **MUST** be new; we should include a prayer card with each kit (making some originals might be an option for you creative types out there); and, all items can have no handprints, footprints, paw prints or camouflage on printed materials.

For May we're focusing on the Personal Dignity Kit. Thanks for your help!  
Jeff McKinney

## Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Hand towel – no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth – no dishcloths
- 1 Adult toothbrush – no multipacks
- 1 Bar of soap – 3–4 ounces
- 1 Shampoo – 12–19 ounces
- 1 Deodorant – 2–3 ounces: stick, roll-on or pump
- 1 Gallon resealable plastic bag
- \$2 donation per kit for razor and toothpaste

- 1 – Wayne Brown
- 2 – Larry Glick
- 3 – Pat Christensen, Lucas Lieser
- 4 – Dave Hill
- 5 – Christine Boeve, Steven Miles
- 6 – Brett Eggert, Kathy Houstman, Nate & Katie Shaull
- 7 – Rebecca Boltz, Mary Bormann, Connie Smith, Nicole & Chris Paul
- 9 – Davis Butler, Alicia Geary, Kim Walter
- 10 – Kenadie Behne, Alvin Wright
- 11 – Steve Eiler, Neva Harper
- 15 – Gail Fleming
- 16 – Randy Amosson, Randy Behne, Curtis Smith
- 17 – Lucas Yerington, Becky Young
- 18 – Kaylee Driscoll, Ruel Wehde
- 19 – Amber Barnd
- 20 – Chris & Angie Keller
- 21 – Laura Hembry
- 22 – Emily Lampe
- 23 – Nathen Anderson, Brian Boedeker
- 24 – Kenzie Mente, Jason & Kim Walter
- 25 – Annette Lukemyres, Katie Neville, Ron & Sally Ahrens, Paul Frederiksen & Jane Moen
- 27 – Ashley Neville-Macoubrie, Merlyn Timm, Will Williams, Jennifer Wiskus-Rausch
- 28 – Savannah Brown, Patrick Gregory, Ethan Wulf, J. & Roberta Gesling, Kevin & Elizabeth Houstman
- 29 – Kelly Huston, Eli Lindsey, Michelle O’Leary
- 30 – Kandi Graff, Kelley Pudinski, Finn Williams
- 31 – Rick Christensen

**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:**  
The family of Dorothy Thiele (Lois Salmonson’s sister)

**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 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



### 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@wesleywoodsiaowa.org](mailto:Program@wesleywoodsiaowa.org) - [www.wesleywoodsiaowa.org](http://www.wesleywoodsiaowa.org)

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

# May 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.

## Tuesday, May 2

6:30 pm SPRC

## Wednesday, May 3

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 4

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

## Friday, May 5

3:30–4:30 pm HACAP Food Truck

## Tuesday, May 9

6:30 pm Missions

## Wednesday, May 10

6:30 pm Trustees

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 11

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

## Saturday, May 13

11–11:45 am Shared Blessings

## Sunday, May 14

Last day for Sunday School

3 pm Worship @ Cedar Manor

6:30–7:45 pm Youth Group

## Monday, May 15

5 pm Congregational Care

## Tuesday, May 16

2 pm Worship @ Prairie Hills

6:30 pm Leadership Council

## Wednesday, May 17

6:30 pm LFP Board

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

7:00 pm Abigail Circle

## Thursday, May 18

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

## Sunday, May 21

4 pm Little Friends Preschool Graduation

## Wednesday, May 24

Newsletter Articles Due

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 25

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

## Saturday, May 27

11–11:45 am Shared Blessings

## Sunday, May 28

11:15 am Creative Worship

6:30–7:45 pm Youth Group

## Wednesday, May 31

8:30 am Holy Folders

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal



It's that time of year again! Be aware of machinery and tractors on the road.

## 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 [tip-tonumc.org](http://tip-tonumc.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://tip-tonumc.org/worship-videos/>

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## MAY EVENTS

May 5 — HACAP Mobile Food  
Pantry

May 13 — Shared Blessings

May 14 — Last Day of Sunday School  
Youth Group  
Worship @ Cedar Manor

May 16 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

May 17 — Abigail Circle

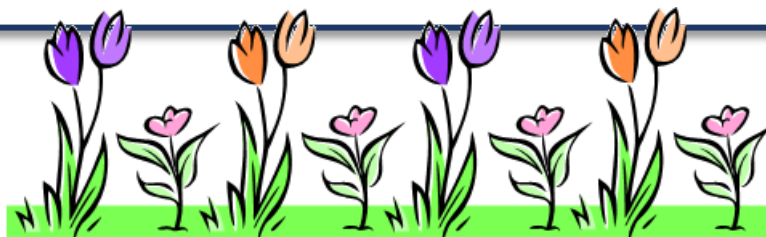
May 21 — Little Friends Graduation

May 24 — Newsletter Deadline

May 27 — Shared Blessings

May 28 — Youth Group

May 31 — Holy Folders



### Mission Statement:

**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

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