

# 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!**

## Vacation Bible School 2023

**This VBS is something worth  
roaring about!**

Join us in Babylon, where we'll explore what life was like for Daniel and his friends, captives, in a strange land. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Daniel, and eat some interesting food. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Get registered today! Registration forms are in the breezeway and at the back of the sanctuary.

Helpers are also needed! Contact Joyce Slach or the church office if you would like to sign up.

**July 17–20 | 5:30 – 8 pm**



**Join the Choir...**  
**You'll Be Glad  
You Did!**

fun, fellowship, and singing. Contact Lorna Muller if interested.  
563.886.2923 or [mullerkl@aol.com](mailto:mullerkl@aol.com)

**Love to Sing?**

**Please Come Join Us!**

We would like to start a choir again this fall, and get together all those who like to sing. You do not have to be able to read music – just love to sing! Yes, it will mean a commitment. That is just two practice hours and two church mornings a month. Please consider join us for

**Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors**

## A Word From Pastor Melody

Hello Church,

Today I would like to talk to you about our Youth Leadership Challenge. When I arrived in Tipton I had the wonderful opportunity to sit down with many of you in small groups and talk about what you value and where you would like me to focus my energy. An easy 95% said, **YOUTH!**

As your pastor, I can be present to an extent with the youth, and try to do so. But also see the needs of all of the other generations in our community. That is why I was so excited to hear about the Youth Leadership Challenge that has been put before the church. This is a match of \$70,000 once the church raises \$70,000. I know there have been some questions about how this will work. Some of those questions can be answered now, some will probably have to be answered when we start searching for a leader. I know one of the questions is, “but how long will this money last anyway.” The hope is the initial funding will bring in people who will continue to fund this position. We would not be limited by who is here now! When we dream for the kingdom, God is amazing at providing for those dreams!

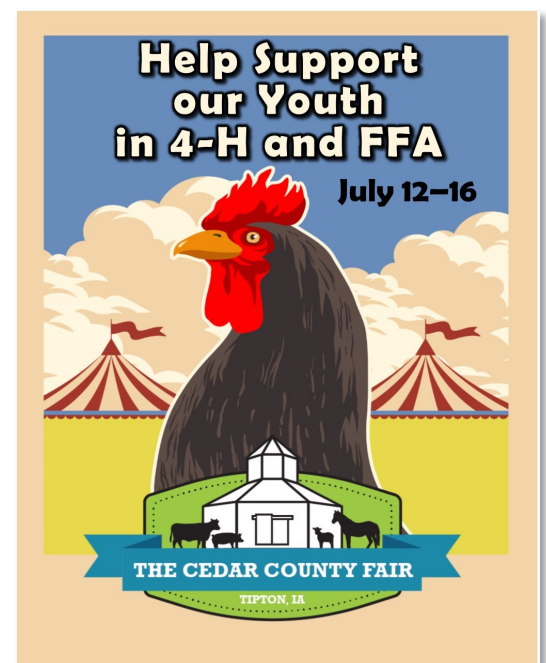
If we focus on ourselves, our abilities, our perceived needs, and our wants, are we asking for God’s desires? Are dreaming for God’s kingdom to come on earth as it does in heaven? I personally believe this challenge is one that God has put before us. It is one that is saying, “Do you want those who are increasingly unchurched to know the gift you have been given?” Maybe God is saying, “Do you believe me for your future?” Are you hearing, “Will you trust the one who supplies all of your needs?” How about, “Are you ready to put the money you have been entrusted with where your mouth is? Are youth important to you?”

We need a team to lead and be a part of making this challenge a reality. We need people to give and to pledge to this challenge. I will be working on answering questions and ask that you bring the questions to myself or the office instead of talking amongst yourself and coming to your own conclusions. We will put a box out for your questions. As I said, some will be answerable now, some we will have to trust God for the answers. Can we step out in faith, knowing God knows the future?

I look forward to stepping out in faith with you!

But the fruit of the Spirit is  
**love, joy,  
peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness.**

—Galatians 5:22



## Missions



Thank you to all who graciously donated undies and socks for this mission!

Tadan's Touch Foundation and Tadan's Touch of Hope helps individuals find the right resources to continue the positive changes in their lives. Tadan's Touch Foundation is "solution-focused" not "excused-focused".

### Summer Camp

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to or purchased items at last fall's Mission's Annual Auction and Soup lunch! Because of your generosity our church was able to send 9 kids to camp this year!

Make sure to join us in the fall for our next auction. We look forward to sending more kids to camp next year!

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



This month we'll focus on the Layette Kit, which has a special place in my heart. As I mentioned in church earlier, 15-20 years ago when I was involved in this project I was lucky enough to chat with a woman who worked the other end in Africa. Among stories she shared was how valued and scarce the Layette Kits were – to the extent the young mothers would team up before distribution hoping to score a single kit, and if they got lucky and received one they'd split its contents. Kind of broke my heart from several directions, and I decided I'd focus on Layette Kits whenever I had a chance.

All items **MUST BE NEW**. Nothing used. However, some of them may be handmade. There are patterns, instructions and material lists available for diapers, gowns and sleepers, sweaters and jackets and receiving blankets. Contact the office for patterns or go to [midwestmission.org/patterns](http://midwestmission.org/patterns)

Finding some of these items can be a challenge, but thanks to Mary who has found sources, we can order those items. If you would like to make a donation for these items, please drop it off in the office.

#### Layette Kit

- 6 Cloth diapers\*
- 2 Gowns or sleepers\*
- 2 Onesies or undershirts
- 2 Infant washcloths – no adult washcloths
- 6 Diaper pins – with plastic closures
- 1 Sweater or jacket – with front opening\*
- 2 Receiving blankets\* – 28"x28" or 32"x32" – no fleece or thermal materials
- \$2 donation per kit for diaper cream



**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

Saturday, July 8  
Saturday, July 22  
11:00-11:45 am

**There will be no  
Shared Blessings  
served during  
August.**

Lunches will start again in  
September



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck**  
**Tipton FUMC**  
Friday, July 7  
**West Branch Fire Station**  
Tuesday, July 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)



# Huddle Hoopla Picnic

Sunday, July 30 | Right After Church  
Trinity Lutheran will be Joining Us for Church and the Fun

Please bring table service as well as a dish to share. We will be eating in the dining room.

After lunch we will head out for games for all ages. If it rains, we'll play them inside! Bring a lawn chair.

**Burgers and Hotdogs will be provided along with condiments.**



**Questions, call Sue Thumma  
563.249.4454**

## May Financials

May 1 Balance	\$19,577.17
Income	
Contributions	\$19,307.18
Expenses	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$11,673.89
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$993.97
Phone/Internet	\$148.50
Copier Lease	\$115.74
Sunday School	\$29.99
Elevator Maintenance	\$434.85
Study Books/Upper Room	\$177.33
Payroll Processing	\$350.00
Copyright License	\$238.00
Little Friends Preschool	\$313.37
Janitorial Supplies	\$100.00
June 1 Balance	\$24,308.71
Worship Attendance	
May 7 – 73, May 14 – 93, May 21 – 65, May 28 – 69	



Plan to join us August 16 at 6:30 pm here at First United Methodist Church for an evening of great music and fellowship with the **New Legacy Project**, *direct from Nashville*. Admission is free to this community-wide, non-denominational event and a free-will offering will be received for the group.

Formerly known as the Blackwood Legacy Quartet, this powerful group blend the best of traditional Southern Gospel with today's newer Country Gospel for a unique mix that pleases audiences of all ages. In 2016, the group was featured at the prestigious Fanny Cosby Memorial Concert, televised live from Nashville across the US. They recently released their newest radio single, God of the Empty Grave and it is being met with great reviews.

Performing since 2001, New Legacy Project continues the grand tradition of gospel music, performing nearly 200 dates annually nationwide.

For more information please call the church office. You can also visit the group on their Facebook band page, or go to the group's website at [www.NewLegacyProject.com](http://www.NewLegacyProject.com).

## Nurturing Faith

### There will be no Fellowship Coffee during July and August.



If you would like to sign up to serve in the fall, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4AABA62BA5FA7-sunday>, sign up in the Gathering Place, or talk to Becky Young.

### YouVersion Bible App – Have You Gotten It Yet?

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.

If you would like to download the app, go to <https://www.bible.com/organizations/0d6e475b-9064-454f-b227-4cc2eb89f922>

This link will take you directly to our church page.

- 1 – Bill & Teresa Esbeck
- 2 – Michelle Miles, Connie Semotan, Betty Turner
- 3 – Justin Boedeker, Kaylynn Eiler, Bob & Barb Rickard
- 4 – Logan Lanning
- 5 – Bruce Flory
- 6 – Lorna Muller
- 7 – Lee Curry
- 8 – Todd Huston, Kyler Wallick
- 9 – Sylvia Ferguson, Blake Schilling
- 10 – Barb Rickard, Chad Schilling, Anton Slach
- 11 – Bailey Anderson, Elizabeth Bierman, Rachel Bierman, Stacy Emrich
- 12 – Richard Anderson, Wayne Behrens, Marvin Miller, Kayla Walter, Mack Walter, Ron & Elizabeth Schroeder
- 13 – Allan Charette, Bailey Schmidt
- 14 – Finn Lindsey, Mindy Williams, Shellby Wiskus, Jason & Carly Paustian
- 15 – J. Gesling, Lonnie & Robyn Nebergall
- 16 – Jeff McKinney, Mike Schmidt
- 17 – Kenley Fitch, Kyra Shaull
- 18 – Sherry Willey, Calvin & Kris Kuehl
- 20 – Laura Webb
- 21 – Zoe Comstock, Leanne & Les Boots, Brad & Kelly Wendel
- 22 – Cassandra Hembry, Jo & Wayne Brown
- 23 – Karen Johnson, Ken Muller
- 24 – Ashley Beers
- 25 – Bob Young
- 26 – Meredith Coppess, Glenn Fear, Olivia Hembry, Megan Leslie
- 27 – Bob Cummins, Ann Neville
- 28 – Chris Amosson, Jacob Boedeker, Greg Brown
- 29 – Steve Shontz
- 30 – Cuba Flory
- 31 – Madalynn Paul, Barb Petersen, Kiley Schultz

**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 and Families Experiencing Loss:** The family of Tom Davies (Lisa's husband) who died on June 5

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

**In Treatment:** Jeff McKinney, 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

**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

## The Upper Room

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



**Every day we live is a priceless gift of God,  
loaded with possibilities to learn something new,  
to gain fresh insights.**

-Dale Evans Rogers



# July Calendar

**Every Sunday**  
10 am Worship



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

**Sunday, July 2**  
3 pm Worship at Cedar Manor

**Wednesday, July 5**  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

**Thursday, July 6**  
10 am GIG

**Friday, July 7**  
3:30–4:30 pm HACAP Food Truck

**Saturday, July 8**  
11–11:45 am Shared Blessings

**Monday, July 10**  
6:30 pm Christian Education

**Tuesday, July 11**  
5 pm Leadership Development  
6:30 pm Missions  
6:30 pm Leadership Council

**Wednesday, July 12**  
6:30 pm Trustees  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

**Thursday, July 13**  
10 am GIG

**Monday, July 17**  
5:30 pm Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**Tuesday, July 18**  
2 pm Worship @ Prairie Hills  
5:30 pm VBS

**Wednesday, July 19**  
Newsletter Articles Due  
5:30 pm VBS  
6:30 pm LFP Board  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

**Thursday, July 20**  
10 am GIG  
5:30 pm VBS

**Saturday, July 22**  
11–11:45 am Shared Blessings

**Wednesday, July 26**  
8:30 am Holy Folders  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

**Thursday, July 27**  
10 am GIG

**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/>

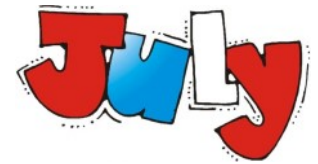
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## July EVENTS

July 2 — Worship at Cedar Manor

July 7 — HACAP Mobile Food  
Pantry

July 8 — Shared Blessings

July 12–16 — Cedar County Fair

July 17–20 — **Vacation Bible School!**

July 18 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

July 19 — Newsletter Deadline

July 22 — Shared Blessings

July 26 — Holy Folders



### **Mission Statement:**

**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

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