

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

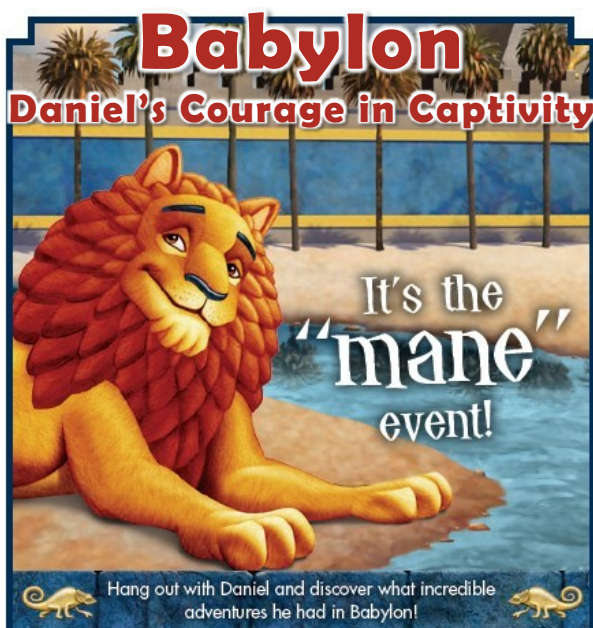
Superintendent –

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!

July 17–20 | 5:30 – 8 pm



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

A Word From Pastor Melody

Today I find myself struggling to decide what to write to you. It isn't that there is not anything to write, it is that there is far too much.

There is the reminder of a preacher/missionary who got up at 5 am on May 24, 1738 to read his Bible. That day, this man who had been struggling with his own faith, wrote in his journal:

I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death. I look upon all the world as my parish. Though I am always in haste, I am never in a hurry.

That man was John Wesley, a few days earlier his brother had found faith. Two men raised in a Christian home experienced the love of Christ in their hearts. They started a movement which would come to be called Methodist.

Over the years this movement has seen many expressions. Some branching off to form different denominations, then some uniting to form new ones. Which brings me to the next thing I feel the need to address. On May 23, 2023 a special called annual conference approved the disaffiliations of 83 churches. You will also hear about many disaffiliations across our Methodist connection. Some are going to form a new church, others are going independent or joining existing denominations. The issues that led to these disaffiliations are deep and varied and they go far beyond the splashy headlines. It is easy to share opinions without gaining all of the facts. It is easy to point fingers and look at one another rather than to Jesus. I pray that during this difficult time we will find it in ourselves to not put words in others mouths, or assign motives that when we have not explored to the depths of what has happened. Rather, look within ourselves to our own relationship to God, get into God's word, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal truth, and pray that God shows us where we ourselves may need to grow and learn.

Which brings me back to Wesley. He saw the world as his parish. He challenged Christians of his time to reach out into the world. He pointed to Christ, rather than pointing at others. Also, he said "though I am always in haste, I am never in a hurry." It seems we as a culture are so distracted we cannot find time to truly focus on Christ. We are instead hurrying from one task to another. Is this what God is asking us to do? Is there something better? This summer I would like us to take some time to think about that. We are going to take a reflective look at a book entitled *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*. If you find yourself distracted and overwhelmed, I challenge you to consider reading this book. It is available in audio format so you can "read" it while you are driving between events. Then consider joining with a few others for a discussion. We will have times to reflect available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings if there is interest.

I would like to close with a quote from Philippians for you to mediate on this month:

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

– Philippians 4:8

Church Family Huddle No. 3 – April 30

Leadership Council served breakfast of muffins (sunrise, pumpkin, pina colada, lemon, banana chocolate chip, rhubarb) blueberry bread, bagels with assorted cream cheese, and delicious fresh fruit.

Devotional was about freedom and the celebration of Memorial Day. Men and women in the military fight for our freedom on a daily basis. In order to do that they must practice their drills over and over and over again, they must gain strength and survival skills. The program was turned over to Drill Sargent Cheryl Pearson. She had the young people march, about face, and salute. She then got in the face of recruit Larry Glick about his uniform, his attitude, and who his military buddy was. We all proceeded to sing "The Lord's Army" played by Jo Brown. Thank you all who helped put this together. The devotional went on to say the greatest freedom that we have is Jesus Christ. He died on the cross to give us freedom. And it takes practice to be in God's Army.

The program for the day was playing with toothpaste. Each person squeezed a dab of toothpaste onto their plate. Instructions were then to put that toothpaste back in the tube. Almost impossible to do. Hurtful words are like that, once you say them you can't put them back. Remember this every time you brush your teeth.

Our next Church Family Huddle will be July 31. Look for something different in your July newsletter.

Missions



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

Tadan's Touch Apparel and Accessories is a clothing boutique that has many items that are "FREE" for anyone in the community. This boutique is to help the community have a place to go to feel good, have a positive experience, and have a resource for any help needed.

During the month of June the missions team will be collecting new undies and socks for kids and adults. There will be a collection box in the Gathering Place for these items.

Summer Camp

It's not too late to sign up for 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 or <https://sgu.camp/>

Camp changes lives!

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



We will again be collecting personal dignity kits during the month of June. Here is the list of needed items.

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



There is always a lot of great food served at the Church Family Huddles! Just ask Irene!
Our next Huddle will be held on July 31. Plan to join us; it's always a lot of fun!

www.tiptonumc.org



**Changing our Community
with Compassion**

Saturday, June 10
Saturday, June 24
11:00-11:45 am

www.facebook.com/TiptonUMC/



HACAP Mobile Food Truck
Tipton FUMC
Friday, June 2
West Branch Fire Station
Tuesday, June 20

Questions?
Call the HACAP Food Reservoir (319) 393-7811 or the Church office (563) 886-2331
Income Eligibility Guidelines Apply
www.hacap.org

Youth Group

will be taking a break for the summer. The group will start again in the fall. Watch for details in the August newsletter as well as the announcements during worship service.

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.



Thank you for the care package! I greatly appreciate it as I am taking my May Term course!

Hope you all are enjoying the beautiful May weather!

Sara Webb

Wartburg College
Class of 2024
Biology, Pre-Veterinary
Medicine

Thank you for the care packages throughout this past school year. I really appreciate knowing that my church family is thinking and praying for me!

Alec Heil
UC Denver
Audio Engineering



Tuesday, Thursday Class



Monday, Wednesday, Friday Class

Sunday school for this school year wrapped up on May 14! Thank you to all of the teachers and others who have helped out. We couldn't have done it without you!

Sunday school will start again this fall after Labor Day;
Have a great summer!!

Parsonage Update

We are getting close!
Waiting on a couple of new windows and the sliding glass door. Then it's just a matter of installing the baseboards and trim!

Abigail Circle

will be meeting on
June 21 @ 7 pm
in the Gathering Place
All women of the church
are invited!

April Financials

April 1 Balance	\$22,181.32
Income	
Contributions	\$13,459.75
Expenses	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$10,394.39
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$1,471.78
Postage	\$40.38
Phone/Internet	\$42.40
Copier Lease	\$112.14
Sunday School	\$201.98
Snow Removal	\$327.56
Worship Supplies	\$125.98
Office Supplies	\$280.86
Insurance	\$2,745.75
Janitorial Supplies	\$320.68
May 1 Balance	\$19,577.17

Worship Attendance

April 2 – 83, April 7 (Good Friday) – 24,
April 9 (Easter) – 160, April 16 – 49
April 23 – 85, April 30 – 71



"The Chosen"

A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt, a troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him.

As the biggest crowdfunded project in TV history, The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season show about the life of Jesus. This series allows viewers to see the life of Jesus through the eyes of those that knew Him. Follow the transformations of His followers through the ministry of Jesus as He journeys to change the world.

"The Chosen" can be viewed for free on Youtube or the Angel Network
www.angel.com/watch

Sunday Servants Sign Up

Do you remember that line that we pledge as members; "...we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service..." (we could also add witness). Prayerfully consider how you might be able to help with worship service.

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 worship service jobs.

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

The link is also listed on the church website.

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 contacting them directly you can still do that. You can also contact the church office at 563.886.2331.

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.

- 1 – Jenae Walter
- 2 – Barbara Smith, Tom & Mary Ehresman
- 4 – Kyle McKinney, Iris Shaull
- 5 – Steve Emrich
- 6 – Heather Strefling
- 7 – Landan Hill, Bob Rickard
- 8 – Donna Gault, Ron & Lois Salmonson
- 9 – Matthew Cartwright, Josh Eiler, Kim Regennitter, Merlyn & June Beckler
- 10 – Brennan Esbeck, Jany & Roger DeWulf, Garry & Michelle O’Leary
- 11 – Teresa Esbeck, Lois Gardner, Ron & Dixie Martin
- 12 – Darick Albaugh, Kenadi Krenz, Deb McKay, Gage Schilling, Cheryl Stark, Bob & Bonnie Butler
- 13 – Amy Calonder, Alec Heil
- 14 – Alexandria Hubler, Amy & Adam Calonder, Bob & Glenda Holets
- 15 – Kiaya Rickard-Urban, Zak Wright, Scott & Karen Anderson
- 16 – Ken Weaver
- 17 – Chad & Christy Schilling
- 18 – Michelle Ford, Ken Schmidt
- 19 – June Beckler, Chris Keller, Thomas James & Lindsay Cundiff
- 20 – Hanna Schmidt
- 21 – Tim Chambliss
- 23 – Jan Wehde
- 24 – Sandy Brown, Lois Salmonson, Marlin Wiskus, Angela & Sean Driscoll
- 25 – Angie Keller, Benji Thomas
- 26 – Tiger Emrich, McKenna Gade, Trina Hill, Heidi & Rick Shumaker
- 27 – Drew Butler, Diane Eaton, Amanda Schmidt
- 28 – Vicki & Steve Daniel, Michelle & Brandon Ford
- 29 – Emmett Steinman
- 30 – Nate Shaull



*Approach today
with a grateful heart!*

Healing: Tom Davies (Lisa’s husband), 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 Carol Anderson who died May 11

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 grand-daughter), Chris Ward

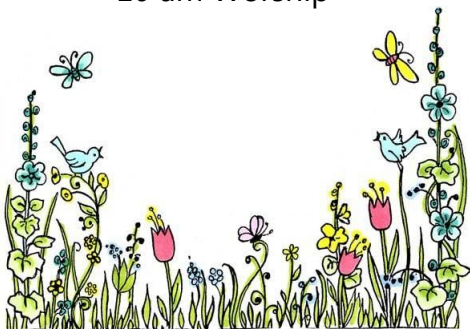
Armed Services: Dustin Kushnereit (Lisa Davies’ son-in-law), Joseph Battey, Nolan Ohrt, Thomas Brown (Seydel’s son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Corey & Alexa Ormsby, Mike Ploeger & Daniel Larson (McKinney’s nephews), Kaitlyn (McKinney) & Nick Brisbin, Jacob Ketelsen



Drill Sargent Cheryl Pearson put the kids, as well as Larry, to the test during the Church Family Huddle on April 30.

June Calendar

Every Sunday
10 am Worship



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

Thursday, June 1
10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Friday, June 2
3:30–4:30 pm HACAP Food Truck

Thursday, June 8
10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Saturday, June 10
11–11:45 am Shared Blessings

Tuesday, June 13
6:30 pm Missions
6:30 pm SPRC

Wednesday, June 14
6:30 pm Trustees
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Thursday, June 15
10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Tuesday, June 20
2 pm Worship @ Prairie Hills
6:30 pm Leadership Council

Wednesday, June 21
Newsletter Articles Due
6:30 pm LFP Board
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal
7:00 pm Abigail Circle

Thursday, June 22
10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Saturday, June 24
11–11:45 am Shared Blessings

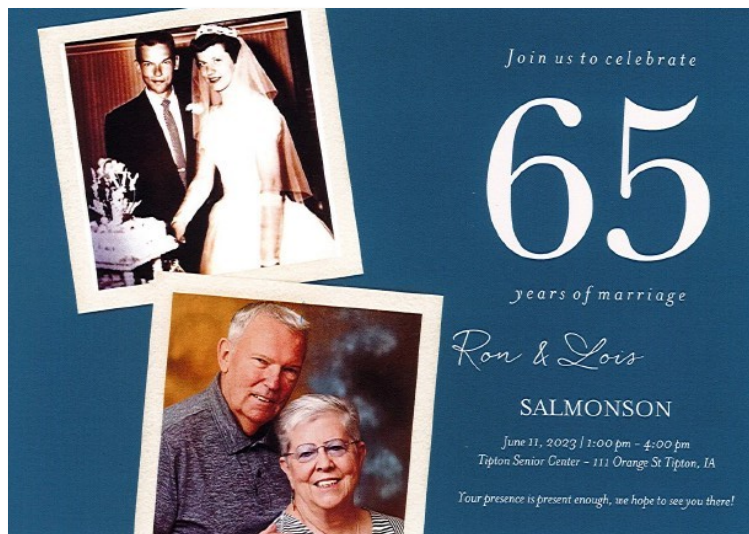
Wednesday, June 28
8:30 am Holy Folders
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

Thursday, June 29
10 am GIG
6:30 pm GIG

Worship 

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/>



Plan to join Ron and Lois as they celebrate 65 years together.

June 11 from 1–4 pm
Tipton Senior Center

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June

JUNE EVENTS

June 2 — HACAP Mobile Food
Pantry

June 10 — Shared Blessings

June 20 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

June 21 — Abigail Circle

June 21 — Newsletter Deadline

June 24 — Shared Blessings

June 28 — Holy Folders



Faith is the most powerful of all forces operating in humanity,
and when you have it in depth, nothing can get you down. Nothing!

—Norman Vincent Peale

Mission Statement:
Tipton First United Methodist Church

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