

# Tipton First United Methodist Church

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## Church Staff

Pastor – **Melody Williams**

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Coordinator – **Mary Jo Heil**

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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!**



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).



Come to me,  
all you who are struggling hard  
and carrying heavy loads,  
and I will give you rest.

—Matthew 11:28

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

## A Word From Pastor Melody

Hello Church,

I wondered if you have had the opportunity to look around and to praise God for the amazing way you have been the church. As I reflect on my first few months here I am so thankful for the many ways I see you being the church to one another and to the community.

There are people who work tirelessly behind the scenes, rarely getting praise, but stepping up and doing what God has called them to. There are those of you who reach out to your neighbors, friends, those who cannot make it to church, and those who are suffering. There are those of you who take the time to care for the property and the grounds. There are those of you who serve on various committees and teams. People who serve meals, volunteer for short term projects, and offer to help wherever you see help that is needed. Thank you! I praise God for you!

The month of July was busy with activity. In addition to our regular mission projects we co-hosted Vacation Bible School with Trinity Lutheran, had a few funerals with full meals provided for the families and a joint service with the Lutheran Church (coming after I write this, but before you will be reading it). Have you seen how that cradle has been filling up with donations every month for Ingathering, how people contribute to the cooper kettle, the ways the community is blessed through Shared Blessings and the HACAP food truck? What about how much you have blessed all of those kids that were able to go to camp this year? That is just a small portion of what you have been up to! **Wow! God is working through you! Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

During Vacation Bible School the kids and amazing volunteers were asked to look for God Sightings. What I just wrote were some of my God sightings this last month. Where have you seen God at work? Let's keep praising God for what he is doing in our midst!

Blessings and Christ's love to you,

Pastor Melody

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## Vacation Bible School 2023

**Thank you to all that helped make VBS 2023 a success!**



Even though we had less kids this year, those that attended had a great time learning about Babylon and Daniel. Ray Linder did a great job portraying Daniel!

We had a lot of help from both youth and adults; we couldn't have pulled this off without you! Thank you to all the tribe leaders, the market place helpers, the Thursday morning GIG for providing the meal, the tech team, Pastor Melody for leading the opening and closing, and all those behind the scene quietly doing what needed to be done!!



# Missions

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



This month we'll focus on the School Kits. School supplies are on sale now so why not make the most of it and put together a kit! Below is a list of supplies needed. Items may be placed in a plastic grocery bag (not a Ziploc) or a cloth bag. If you would like to make the cloth bag(s), please contact the church office for the pattern or go to [midwestmission.org/patterns](http://midwestmission.org/patterns). There is also a printed copy of the instructions at the back of the sanctuary.

Some of the items in the school kit come in multiples, such as the eraser and the pencils. If you have extra items left over you may donate those and we will put together additional kits or we can donate the extra items to Ingathering.

## School Kit

3 Notebooks – 1 subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2"

1 Ruler – 12" long with metric

6 Pencils – unsharpened

1 Pencil Sharpener

1 Eraser – 2" or larger

1 Box 12 Colored Pencils

1 Box 24 Crayons

1 Pair of Student Scissors

1 One-Handled Cloth Bag\*

Place all items in the cloth bag or a plastic grocery bag

**Did you know?**

## Available Food Sources

Did you know there are multiple sites where food is available in the area?

HACAP stops here at First UMC on the first Friday of the month from 3:30–4:30 pm.

The Peace Church in Bennett has a pantry that is open the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 4–6 pm.

Zion UCC in Lowden has a food pantry open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

The UCC church here in Tipton has there Loaves and Fishes food pantry open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 3:30–5:30.

Mechanicsville UMC's food pantry is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month from 6–7 pm.

HACAP is at the West Branch fire station on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

Calvary Foursquare has a drive-thru food pickup on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 9–10 am.

St. John's UCC in Clarence has a food pantry available every Wednesday from 5:30–6:30 pm.

[www.tiptonumc.org](http://www.tiptonumc.org)



**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

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

Lunches will start again in  
September



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck**

**Tipton FUMC**

**Friday, Aug. 4**

**West Branch Fire Station**

**Tuesday, Aug. 15**

**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)



## Nurturing Faith

### Blessing of the Backpacks

On **Sunday, August 27** we will be joining Trinity Lutheran as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year! Students and teachers are asked to bring their school backpacks and iPad devices for a blessing.



The service will conclude outside with bubble prayers then everyone is invited to lunch in the fellowship hall. Pulled pork sandwiches or walking tacos, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

### Youth Group News

Our youth group is preparing for another great school year! They will be kicking things off on Aug. 2 at 5:30 pm with a

pizza party here at the church.

We will be making plans for the upcoming year. Plan to join us! It will be a great time!

### 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.



Dear First United Methodist Church,

The Tri-County Community Band thanks you for serving refreshments during our June 29<sup>th</sup> concert. Your

thoughtfulness, and that of others, is what keeps our Band going.

I'm not sure if it is the music or the cookies and lemonade that brings out such a fine audience as attended Thursday.

Thank you very much for your service to the Tipton community.

Randy Gehrls  
Tri-County Community Band



Thank you Tipton First United Methodist for the "Bible Promises for Grads" book. It will help me make it through life.

Patrick Gregory



Thank you First United Methodist Church for the Devotion Book.

Lauren Gregory

### 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.



## June Financials

<b>June 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$24,308.71</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$15,767.19
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$10,265.18
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$872.96
Phone/Internet	\$150.77
Copier Lease	\$121.03
Pastor Conference Expense	\$676.16
Supplies-Pastor	\$100.00
Study Books/Upper Room	\$55.20
Payroll Processing	\$175.00
Postage	\$142.59
Lawn Care	\$193.56
Boiler Inspection	\$120.00
Safe Deposit Box	\$17.00
Pest Control	\$58.85
<b>July 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$27,127.60</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	
June 4 – 59, June 11 – 62, June 18 – 60,	
June 25 – 79	



On July 16 we were blessed to have special music from Jo Brown, Jan Wehde, and Becky Young. It was wonderful! Thank you ladies!!

If you would like to play or sing during worship, please let the church office know and we will get you sign-up. Special music is always welcome!

## Nurturing Faith

### Love to Sing? Please Come Join Us!



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

Our choir will be starting soon. We would love to have high school kids sing with us. Bring a friend and come join us. Everyone is welcome!!

Our choir will be singing the first and third Sunday of each month. The first practice will be August 24th, at 7 pm in the sanctuary.





- 1 – Emersen Coppess, Deb Eisele, Brian Schmidt, Dawn Spickermann, Leslie Timmerman, Ron & Daisy Winger
- 2 – Larry Rochau, Mike & Deb Eisele
- 3 – Jarod Bormann, Robert Friday, Shane & Christine Boeve
- 5 – Rhonda Waugh
- 6 – Gary Kline, Jim & Lisa Allen
- 7 – Jerry & Betty Elijah, Todd & Kelly Huston, Bob & Becky Young
- 8 – Jim Allen, Gretta Harper, Greg & Sandy Brown
- 9 – Sandy Fedler, Aron Keller, Ken & Lorna Muller
- 10 – Kim Anderson, Barb Cawiezell, Allan Charette & Deb Conant
- 11 – Mike Nissen, Madison O'Leary, Joyce Slach
- 12 – Leanne Boots, Deb Conant, Dave & Becky Fetterman
- 13 – Kevin Houstman
- 14 – Vanessa Shipley
- 15 – Chris Slach
- 17 – Flynn Hubler
- 18 – Elisabeth Gardner, Jim Hanson, Cael Ormsby, Davis Webb
- 19 – Dan Coppess, Dusty Johnson, Jerrelyn Weaver
- 20 – Jordyn Schmidt, Ian Spangler
- 21 – Frances Ford
- 22 – Kaitlyn Brisbin, Jim & Tina Jorgensen
- 24 – Jacob Spickermann, Jo Ann & Eldon Beers
- 26 – Ann Jurgensen, Nick Yerington
- 27 – Jeff & Mary McKinney
- 28 – Jorden Anderson, Joe & Colette Crock, Haley & Korey Miller, Kerri & Andy Nash
- 29 – Bob Butler, Elizabeth Schroeder, Rob & Amy Glick
- 30 – Travis Person, Jeff & Traci Ormsby

**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 Gerry Reeve who died on July 12  
The family of Nancy Wood (Caroline's daughter) who died on July 16

**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

### 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.

**If you begin to live life looking for the God  
that is all around you, every moment becomes a prayer.**

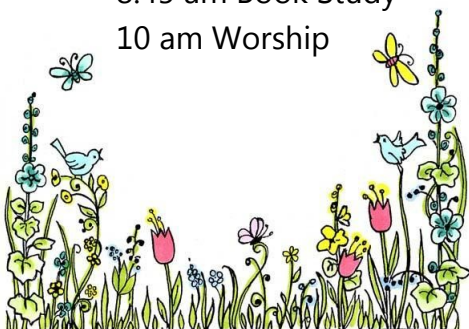
–Frank Bianco

# August Calendar

## Every Sunday

8:45 am Book Study

10 am Worship



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

## Tuesday, Aug. 1

6:30 pm SPRC

## Wednesday, Aug. 2

5:30 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, Aug. 3

10 am GIG

## Friday, Aug. 4

3:30–4:30 pm HACAP Food Truck

## Tuesday, Aug. 8

6:30 pm Missions

## Wednesday, Aug. 9

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

6:30 pm Trustees

## Thursday, Aug. 10

10 am GIG

## Tuesday, Aug. 15

2 pm Worship @ Prairie Hills

6:30 pm Leadership Council

## Wednesday, Aug. 16

Newsletter Articles Due

6:30 pm New Legacy Project

6:30 pm Sing-Along @ Cedar Manor

## Thursday, Aug. 17

10 am GIG

## Monday, Aug. 21

5:30 pm Caring Ministries

## Wednesday, Aug. 23

8:30 am Holy Folders

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, Aug. 24

10 am GIG

## Sunday, Aug. 27

10 am Worship @ Trinity Lutheran. Blessing of the Backpacks & Potluck after service.

## Thursday, Aug. 31

10 am GIG

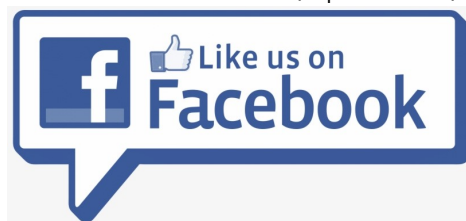


**Worship** **LIVE**

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](https://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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## AUGUST EVENTS

Aug. 2 — Youth Group

Aug. 4 — HACAP Mobile Food  
Pantry

Aug. 15 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

Aug. 16 — Newsletter Deadline  
New Legacy Project  
Sing-Along @ Cedar Manor

Aug. 23 — Holy Folders

Aug. 27 — Worship @ Trinity  
Lutheran w/Potluck after



### Mission Statement:

**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

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