

# 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!**

## Next Congregation Youth Group

On September 10 during worship, the Mission Team presented the Next Congregation with a donation of \$1,165! If other groups or individuals would like to make a donation in support of our youth you can either fill out a pledge form (found at the back of the sanctuary), write a check and leave it in the office or drop it in the offering plate, or if you have a Venmo account you can scan the QR code below and make a payment. You may also use this to pay for silent auction items.

The group has been working hard at fundraising so we can hire a youth leader. They did a great job with breakfast on Sept. 10 to help kick-off the Sunday school year; \$411 was raised.

There is also an ongoing silent auction happening. You can see all the items that have been donated in the Berean room. If you would like to bid on an item just fill out the sheet by the item. New items will be added all the time so make sure you stop by and check it out.

Another one of the fundraising projects is “The Blessing of John”. If you are lucky enough to be blessed with this you may pay a fee to have the John removed. Details are posted in the Berean room. If you know of someone that you would like to see “Blessed”, contact the church office and the youth will make it happen.

It was so awesome to see so many youth in church! This is our Next Congregation! Let's do what we can to encourage and support them!



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Making a Smart Investment for the  
Next Congregation

Total donations & pledges as of Sept. 18 – \$21,248



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

## A Word From Pastor Melody

Hello Church,

I confess, I have an ongoing struggle with the church as a whole. Please know I am not talking about this church, another church in town, or any particular denomination. I am making a general statement about the expression of Christianity as I have found it in the USA.

As Christians, we are to reflect the incredible gift of Christ's love to people who desperately need to know all he has offered. Putting this gift into words is beyond me now, but I can say that so many feel unworthy of what God has to offer—and guess what? We all are! I struggle with the inability of Christ's followers to sit with one another in pain and not tell them what to do, which often furthers the shame and feelings of unworthiness of those facing things we don't talk about.

I am going to give you a few depressing statistics. If you want to avoid reading these statistics, stop here.

- 1 in 4 adults has a diagnosable mental illness—this number is growing, and a counselor friend told me the statistic is closer to 40%
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men will experience severe intimate partner violence
- Over half of women and almost 1 in 3 men have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact in their lifetime
- Let's add in people who have lost custody of their children, face addiction issues, have strained family relationships, or have family members who are struggling with some of the above....

There are so many situations I could put on this list. But I don't want to belabor the point. The point is people are suffering. The further point is people often do not think they can come to the church with what they are facing. Why? Because sadly, often, the church does not know how to be present with some of these situations and does not want to admit they exist.

I have had far too many conversations with people who have been further harmed in conversations they have had with people in churches where they were seeking help. What has happened is the shame they now feel has sent them fleeing from the church instead of toward it. Many of these people know deep down that they need what the church is here to offer but have not found what they need.

What do we do? How do we respond? How do we listen? I want to talk about all of these things in a workshop. We will speak, hear, practice, and grow in how we can offer Christ's presence to people in some of the most challenging places they find in their lives. I pray that many community members will come to join in this conversation on Oct 15 from 2–5 pm here at the church. Will you join me for "Talking About the Things We Don't Talk About"?

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**Charge Conference**  
**October 8 @ 5:30 pm**

**This will be held at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church**

If you are interested in going and would like to carpool,  
please meet at the church at 5 pm.

# Missions

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



For this month let's revisit the layette kits, specifically: jackets, sweaters and one-handle/strap cloth bags. Below is a list of supplies needed. Items may be placed in a plastic grocery bag or a cloth bag.

## Layette Kit

All Items Must Be 0 – 6 Months

- 6 Cloth Diapers
- 2 Gowns or Sleepers
- 2 Onesies or Undershirts
- 2 Infant Washcloths – no adult washcloths
- 1 Sweater or Jacket with front opening – no ties
- 2 Receiving Blankets – 28"x28" or 32" x 32"

no fleece or thermal blankets

Bundle items inside one of the blankets and secure with diaper pins.

\$2 Donation per kit for diaper cream

Place all items in the cloth bag



## Mission Auction & Soup Lunch November 12

All proceeds go to camp scholarships.

Planning is underway for the annual Mission Auction and Soup Lunch. The fun begins right after worship on Nov. 12 with a soup lunch. Bring your favorite soup and join us in the dining room. Proceeds from the lunch will go to care packages sent out to our recently graduated students.

After lunch the auction will begin in the Gathering Place. We are looking for attic finds, antiques, hand crafted items, and especially baked goods.

If you have items you would like to donate, please contact a mission team member or call the church office. Please no "garage sale items".

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**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

Saturday, Oct. 14

Saturday, Oct. 28

11:00-11:45 am



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck**

**Tipton FUMC**

Friday, Oct. 6

**West Branch Fire Station**

Tuesday, Oct. 17

**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)

**First UCC Food Pantry**

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Wednesday, Oct. 25

3:30-5:30 pm

**Calvary Foursquare  
Food Pantry**

Saturday, Oct. 21

9-10 am





## The Rock Band

The youth group making music will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the large Sunday school room from 6:30–7:45 pm.



## S'more Fixin's Needed

... for the Pumpkin Fest

Chocolate Bars  
Marshmallows  
Graham Crackers

Please have all donations to the church office by October 23.

## College AND Workforce Connections

College Connections not only needs your college kids address, we want to reach out to all young people including those that have opted to enter the workforce.



Please send those addresses to [office@tiptonumc.org](mailto:office@tiptonumc.org) and I will pass them on to our new College Connections leader, Erica Shumaker.

## Did you know, John Wesley Had Serious Doubts About His Faith

Questioning one's faith should not be disparaged. Doubts are essential to making any belief system one's own. They do not mean that one will let it go. In fact, even as Wesley struggled with deep doubts about faith, he followed the wise instruction of a mentor who told him to "preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith." Even as we struggle, we can maintain our hold on the truths we question until we can settle all of our doubts.



## Church Family Huddle

October 29<sup>th</sup> means it is time again for the Church Family Huddle. Our free (but donations are always welcome) breakfast will start at 8:45. Our devotional will be from the Pumpkin Gospel. From there who knows, remember it is Halloween. Come join us for good food, conversation, and fun!

## Fellowship Coffee

We have started our Fellowship Coffee again! There is a sign-up sheet on the table where coffee is served in the Gathering Place.

Please feel free to adapt the coffee fellowship to fit your desires. We have 2 coffee pots and also carafes to keep liquids hot. You can fix regular or decaf coffee or hot water for tea or hot chocolate. Cookies can be baked or purchased. Crackers and cheese or fruit are popular items too. If you want to serve only coffee, that works too! If you'd like to be shown where items are located, please let me know.

Many of us like to visit with our friends after church and the Gathering Place offers a place to sit and do that. Please come AND please sign up for a turn to serve.

Becky Young  
563-357-1245 / [bbyoung49@gmail.com](mailto:bbyoung49@gmail.com)

## August Financials

<b>August 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$20,018.06</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$9,192.92
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$9,403.65
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$417.40
Phone/Internet	\$151.06
Copier Lease	\$116.29
Sunday School	\$153.19
Pastor Business Exp.	\$178.17
Payroll Processing	\$180.25
Postage	\$71.09
Lawn Care	\$25.00
Elevator Maintenance	\$434.85
State Inspection – Fire	\$600.48
Worship Supplies	\$55.78
Office Supplies	\$78.09
<b>September 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$17,345.68</b>
<b>Apportionments</b>	
Total for 2023	\$25,396.00
Paid to Date	\$11,500.00
Yet to Be Paid	\$13,896.00
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	
Aug. 8 – 54, Aug. 13 – 72, Aug. 20 – 52,	
Aug. 27 – Worship was at Trinity	



**October 25<sup>th</sup> | 6–7:30 pm**

**Cedar County Courthouse Lawn**

**FREE Family FUN!**

Hot Dogs, Chips, Bottled Water, & S'Mores  
Games, Pumpkin Decorating,  
Face Painting, Cookie Decorating,  
Fun Carnival Yard Games and Bouncy Houses!

In the event of inclement weather location will  
be inside Calvary Foursquare Church

## Community Events



**CAREGIVER  
WELLNESS DAY**

**Monday, Nov. 6, 2023**

**8:15 am – 3:15 pm**

**The Hotel at Kirkwood Center**

**7725 Kirkwood Center**

**Cedar Rapids, IA**

This free event is a day to celebrate and empower all that you do as a family caregiver. The agenda features informative speakers, delicious food, a silent auction, and time to connect with fellow caregivers and local resources for older adults.

Heritage Area Agency on Aging is committed to supporting family and caregivers on every step of their caregiving journey.

To register or get more information, please contact Heritage AAA at 319.398.5559 or [Heritage.Agency@kirkwood.edu](mailto:Heritage.Agency@kirkwood.edu)



**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**1–2:30 pm**

**Tipton City Park**

**Free Family Fun!**

Questions contact Linda Beck at [lbeck@tiptoniowa.org](mailto:lbeck@tiptoniowa.org) or Lisa DuFour at [ldufour@tiptonpd.org](mailto:ldufour@tiptonpd.org)

The church, along with Little Friends Preschool will have a “trunk” at this event. If you would like to help with this, please contact the church office or talk to Mary Jo Heil.

- 1 – Steve Pudinski, Steve Yerington,  
Thomas & Sara Hembry
- 2 – Brandon Fleming, McKenna O’Leary
- 4 – Jo Johnston, Jennifer Latimer,  
Chris VanScoy
- 5 – Caleb Shumaker
- 6 – Brad Anderson, Carson Chambliss,  
Ferris Davis, Lyle Fitch, Brad Wendel
- 7 – Corey Wallick
- 9 – Thomas James
- 10 – Ryan Stonebraker
- 12 – Rebecca & Seth Boltz
- 13 – Angie Chambliss
- 14 – Ayden Crock, Levi Daniel, Jennifer Rinas,  
Brandon Thomas, Mark & Shellby Wiskus
- 15 – Garret Fitch, Robyn Nebergall,  
Corby Swick
- 16 – Avary Calonder, Dave & Trina Hill
- 18 – Kris Clark, Christy Schilling,  
Ron & Laura Hembry
- 19 – Brian Heil, Ron Salmonson,  
Jackson Timmerman
- 21 – Lindsay Cundiff, Vicki Daniel,  
Clayton Keller, Stephanie Ruby,  
Don & Michelle Miles
- 22 – Molly Chapman, Colette Crock,  
Alicia Walter
- 23 – Sommer Daniel
- 24 – Tawnya Johnson
- 26 – Ava Boldt, Beckham Daniel,  
Dale & Mindy Williams
- 27 – Angela Driscoll, Gideon James
- 28 – Brooke Boedeker, Maggie Bormann,  
Ginny Cummins, Craig Puffer,  
Adam Rippentrop
- 31 – Steve Daniel, Adam Davidson,  
Jeanette Kirkpatrick

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**Healing:** Dean Wolfe, Ken McKay, 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

**Individuals and Families Experiencing Loss:**

**Prayers for Those in Life Transitions:**

Helen Timm, 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 Devotionals for September/October are here. You can pick one up at the back of the church, in the Gathering Place, or in the breezeway.

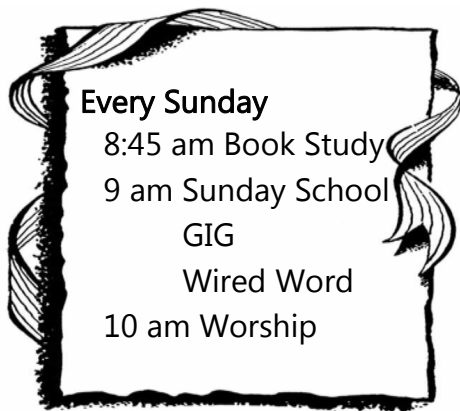
**First Friday Donut and Devotions!**

On the first Friday of each month during the school year the Ecumenical Group meets at the UCC parking lot and distributes a donut and a devotion to all high school students that would like one. If you could help, please meet in the parking lot at UCC at 8 am Friday, October 6.





# September Calendar



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

## Sunday, Oct. 1

11:15 am Next Congregation

## Monday, Oct. 2

1 pm GIG

## Tuesday, Oct. 3

6:30 pm SPRC

## Wednesday, Oct. 4

12 pm Creative Worship

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, Oct. 5

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, Oct. 6

8 am First Friday Donuts

3:30–4:30 pm HACAP Food Truck

## Sunday, Oct. 8

5:30 pm Charge Conference

6:30 pm The Rock Band Youth

## Tuesday, Oct. 10

6:30 pm Missions

## Wednesday, Oct. 11

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

6:30 pm Trustees

## Thursday, Oct. 12

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, Oct. 14

11–1:45 am Shared Blessings

## Sunday, Oct. 15

2 pm Meeting to Talk About Those Things We Don't Like To Talk About

## Monday, Oct. 16

1 pm GIG

## Tuesday, Oct. 17

2 pm Worship @ Prairie Hills

6:30 pm Leadership Council

## Wednesday, Oct. 18

Newsletter Articles Due

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

6:30 pm Little Friends Board

## Thursday, Oct. 19

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, Oct. 22

6:30 pm The Rock Band Youth

## Wednesday, Oct. 25

8:30 am Holy Folders

6 pm Pumpkin Fest

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, Oct. 26

10 am GIG

6:30 pm GIG

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, Oct. 28

11–1:45 am Shared Blessings

## Sunday, Oct. 29

9 am Church Family Huddle



**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](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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## OCTOBER EVENTS

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| Oct. 1 — Next Congregation                          | Oct. 18 — Newsletter Deadline                    |
| Oct. 6 — HACAP Mobile Food<br>Pantry                | Oct. 22 — Rock Band Youth Group                  |
| Oct. 8 — Charge Conference<br>Rock Band Youth Group | Oct. 25 — Holy Folders<br>Pumpkin Fest           |
| Oct. 14 — Shared Blessings                          | Oct. 28 — Shared Blessings                       |
| Oct. 17 — Worship @ Prairie Hills                   | Oct. 29 — Church Family Huddle<br>Trunk or Treat |



### Mission Statement:

**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

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