

# Tipton First United Methodist Church

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November 2023

## Mission Auction



November 12  
Soup Lunch  
11:15 am  
Auction  
After Lunch



and  
*Soup Lunch*

### Church Staff

Pastor – **Melody Williams**

Administrative Ministries

Coordinator – **Mary Jo Heil**

Custodian – **Meredith Coppess**

Chancel Choir

Director – **Lorna Muller**

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!**

**Lunch and shopping!** What could be better; and all to benefit the recently graduated young people as well as sending kids to camp!

Plan to join us on November 12 for worship at 10 am, soup lunch at 11:15 am, and the auction right after lunch.

Bring a pot of your favorite soup or just join us. There is always plenty to go around! The free-will donation for lunch goes to College and Career Connections. In an effort to keep in touch with our newly graduated young people, care packages are sent out a couple of times a year. A little something to let them know that we support them.

After lunch we will head up to the Gathering Place for the auction. All proceeds go to camp scholarships. We want to send as many kids to camp (at no cost to them) as we can! Last year 9 kids benefited from these scholarships!

If you have items that you would like to donate, you may start bringing them to the church on October 28. They may be left in the Berean Room. If you have items that you need help bringing, please call the church office.

This day is always so much fun! I hope that everyone can join us and help support our youth.

Making a Smart Investment for the  
Next Congregation

Total donations & pledges as of Oct. 23 – \$27,934.80



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

## A Word From Pastor Melody

Hello Friends,

In November, finding things to be thankful for is talked about. Facebook feeds will begin filling up with posts like something I am grateful for daily.

It is a great practice to look for things we are thankful for. I remember a job I had when I was in college. I had opportunities to train people in this job. One of my supervisors noticed that as I talked to an individual, I told them what they needed to improve on or do differently. When they got an opportunity, they pulled me aside and spoke about a “praise sandwich.” First, you praise the person for something you noticed (something you are thankful for).

At the end of the conversation, you praise them for something else. Somewhere in the middle, you may insert what needs to improve. At that time, I learned that it takes seven positives to combat one negative. This newsletter article is about something other than the proper way to train a new employee. It isn’t about relating to people, though that story is probably a good reminder. It is about thankfulness. When we focus on the good, when we take the time to be thankful, it also changes our perspective.

Most of us do not naturally look for things to be thankful for. What does it look like to watch for things we can praise or be thankful for? Our Sunday school classes have been filling out crosses with God-sightings. God-sightings remind us to take time and actively notice how God is at work around us, thus praising God for what he is doing in our midst. They provide opportunities to be thankful and to praise God. These praises often concern what God has done for us or how God has blessed us.

We can all be actively looking for God-sightings.

The Sunday school classes did not start looking for God-sightings when it was the fashionable time to be thankful (November). We hope our Sunday school students will watch throughout the week for how God is at work. What would it look like if that was our practice? What if we actively looked for the great things around us and started verbalizing our thanksgiving and praises to God? What if our prayers became filled with thankfulness and a few requests? What would it do for our hearts and the heart of God if there were seven praises for every comment about how things could improve? Offering praise is something I need to work on myself. Will you join me in a spirit of thankfulness and praise, not just in November but throughout the year?

What **ARE** You  
Thankful  
for?



**The Ecumenical Thanksgiving service  
this year will be on  
November 19 at 6 pm  
at Trinity Lutheran Church**

# Missions

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Thank you to everyone who took the time to purchase items and put together kits for the Thanksgiving Ingathering. As of this writing, we have 25 kits and 4 flood buckets. Cost to put together kits range from \$20 up to \$75. These kits go a long way in helping those in need here in the US as well as around the world!

## Thanksgiving Offering

This year's Thanksgiving offerings will go to pay for school lunches for families that could use a little help. On average, the cost for lunch ranges between \$3.20 for the younger grades to \$3.45 for middle and high school students.

To donate, you may write "Thanksgiving Offering" on your check memo line and drop it in the plate on Sunday or leave it in the church office or mail slot. We will also be designating the Copper Kettle offerings from November to this.

## Angel Tree

Our church often receives requests for assistance throughout the year from families or individuals in need. Once again we have the opportunity to assist these local families needing assistance by purchasing specific gift requests. The Angel Tree will be placed in the Gathering Place and have gift tags with requested items along with the age of the girl or boy/mom or dad.

As you make plans for Christmas, prayerfully consider including the Angel Tree as part of your plans as you are able.



## Mission Auction & Soup Lunch

November 12

All proceeds go to College and Career Connections  
and Camp Scholarships

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**Changing our Community  
with Compassion**

Saturday, Nov. 11  
Saturday, Nov. 25  
11:00-11:45 am



**HACAP Mobile Food Truck**

**Tipton FUMC**

**Friday, Nov. 3**

**West Branch Fire Station**

**Tuesday, Nov. 21**

**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, Nov. 8**

**Wednesday, Nov. 22**

**3:30-5:30 pm**

**Calvary Foursquare  
Food Pantry**

**Saturday, Nov. 18**

**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.

## Abigail Circle

will be meeting on  
**Nov. 15 @ 2 pm**  
in the Gathering Place

All women of the church are invited!



**venmo**

## The Next Congregation

Need an easy way to make a donation to the Next Congregation?

Scan the Venmo QR code above for an easy way to make a donation.

## United Methodist Student Day

Every year, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry awards an average of \$5.5 million in financial aid to United Methodist students. The offering taken on United Methodist Student Day is one opportunity to support these scholarships. Every dollar – **yes 100%** received goes towards supporting and educating a new generation of principled Christian leaders for the church and the world. Supporting this Special Sunday is truly an investment in our future.

Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available for undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral United Methodist students. Financial support for all General Board of Higher Education and Ministry scholarships come from five primary sources: 63% from endowments; 22% from wills and annuities; 13% from United Methodist Special Sundays and 1% from online gifts and fiduciary income. All donations received empower and encourage our students that we are investing in them and our future.

On Sunday, November 26, the Copper Kettle offering will go to United Methodist Student Day. A number of individuals from our congregation have benefited from these scholarships.

## Pictured Rocks District BASIC Lay Servant Training

Friday, November 10  
5–8 pm

Saturday, November 11  
9 am–4:30 pm

Independence First UMC

Lay Servant Ministries – Basic Course: This class is the beginning foundation for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

Call the church office for more information or to register.

## Did you know, “Methodist” Was Originally a Derogatory Term

Though the origins of the term “Methodist” are in dispute, it is clear that it was originally used by outsiders to mock John Wesley and his early societies because of their dedication to following a method for growing closer to God. They ended up accepting the term, considering it a positive descriptor of their movement.

**Way to own it, Methodists!**

## September Financials

<b>September 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$17,345.68</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$9,219.50
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries/Pension/Taxes	\$10,828.05
Utilities – Church/Parsonage	\$544.36
Phone/Internet	\$151.30
Copier Lease	\$112.97
Sunday School	\$94.08
Pastor Business Exp.	\$222.65
Payroll Processing	\$175.00
Postage	\$83.55
Lawn Care	\$60.00
Congregational Care	\$15.82
Upper Room/GIG Books	\$251.72
Pulpit Supplies	\$200.00
Pest Control	\$154.08
Staff Training	\$96.00
Background Checks	\$234.00
Offering Envelopes	\$15.86
Digital Advertising	\$160.39
Worship Supplies	\$38.94
Office Supplies	\$25.66
Pastor Cont. Ed	\$162.01
<b>October 1 Balance</b>	<b>\$12,938.74</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>	
Sept. 3 – 78, Sept. 10 – 90, Sept. 17 – 65, Sept. 24 – 68	

### Fellowship Coffee

Have you signed up to do Fellowship Coffee? It's a pretty easy job. 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.



Please come AND please sign up for a turn to serve.

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## 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)



### Lutheran Services in Iowa

Did you know *you* are your child's first and best *teacher*?

LSI's Parents as Teachers program helps you be a better parent and teacher for your children. We can support you through education and resources as you work hard to raise young children who are healthy, happy and ready for school.

If you would like more information please call Amy Ryan, Parent Educator, at 563.886.6773 or email her at [amy.ryan@LSIowa.org](mailto:amy.ryan@LSIowa.org)



- 1 – Lisa Fleming, Carter Hill, Faith McGee, Kelly Wendel
- 3 – Sam Bierman, Jo Brown, Matthew Harper
- 4 – Janet Anderson, Kim Cross, Katelyn DeWulf, Elizabeth Houstman, Raymond Stark, Marlin & Donna Wiskus
- 5 – Brad Anderson, Cynthia Fitch
- 7 – Keylon Krenz
- 8 – Joe Crock
- 9 – Cooper Boeve, Tina Jorgensen, Erica Shumaker, Melinda Stonebraker
- 10 – Tara Eisele, Caden Schmidt, Heidi Shumaker
- 11 – Alisha Hubler, Jenny Jackson, Ed Ketelsen
- 13 – Owen Boldt, Ange Catanese, Chris & Kiley Schultz
- 15 – Mary Ehresman, Patti Seydel
- 18 – Zoe Stonebraker, Ken & Sherry Schmidt, Ruel & Jan Wehde
- 19 – Bob & JoAnne Johnston
- 20 – Peg Adams, Wayne Neville
- 21 – Jo Ann Beers, Elliot Cummins, Autumn Puffer
- 23 – Ron Martin
- 25 – Cheryl Person
- 26 – Steph Behne, Jack Cartwright, Glenn & Ellen Fear
- 27 – Jerod Wiskus
- 28 – Sara Webb, Brad & Jeanette Kirkpatrick
- 29 – Bailey Puffer, Kellie Rouse
- 30 – Kerri Nash

Hello, Happy Fall!

Thank you for the care package of mints, candy, a magnet, and words of the Lord.

Best,

**Sara Webb**

Wartburg College-Class of 2024



**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



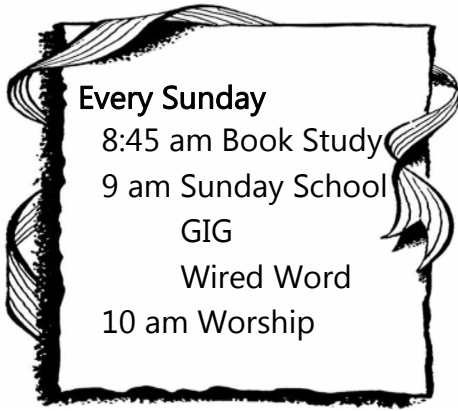
The Upper Room Devotionals for November/December are here. You can pick one up at the back of the church, in the Gathering Place, or in the breezeway.

**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, November 3.



# November Calendar



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

## Thursday, Nov. 2

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG  
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, Nov. 3

8 am First Friday Donuts  
3:30–4:30 pm HACAP Food Truck

## Sunday, Nov. 5

11:15 am Next Congregation

## Tuesday, Nov. 7

6:30 pm SPRC  
6:20 pm Missions

## Wednesday, Nov. 8

6:30 pm Trustees  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, Nov. 9

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG  
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, Nov. 11

11–1:45 am Shared Blessings

## Sunday, Nov. 12

11:15 am Mission Auction and Soup Lunch  
6:30 pm The Rock Band Youth

## Monday, Nov. 13

5:30 pm Caring Ministries

## Wednesday, Nov. 15

6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal  
6:30 pm LFP Board

## Thursday, Nov. 16

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, Nov. 19

6 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Lutheran

## Tuesday, Nov. 21

2 pm Worship @ Prairie Hills  
6:30 pm Leadership Council

## Wednesday, Nov. 22

Newsletter Articles Due  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, Nov. 23

Happy Thanksgiving  
Church Office Closed

## Friday, Nov. 24

Church Office Closed

## Saturday, Nov. 25

11–1:45 am Shared Blessings

## Sunday, Nov. 26

6:30 pm The Rock Band Youth

## Wednesday, Nov. 29

8:30 am Holy Folders  
6:30 pm Xn Chaos Rehearsal

## Thursday, Nov. 30

10 am GIG  
6:30 pm GIG  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal



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.

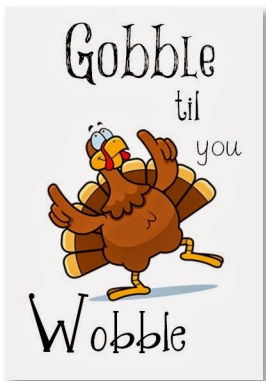
To view archived services, click the Worship menu and select 'Worship Videos'. Or use this link: <https://tiptonumc.org/worship-videos/>



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## NOVEMBER EVENTS

Nov. 3 — HACAP Mobile Food  
Pantry

Nov. 5 — Next Congregation

Nov. 11 — Shared Blessings

Nov. 12 — Mission Auction & Soup  
Lunch  
Rock Band Youth Group

Nov. 19 — Ecumenical Thanksgiving  
Service @ Trinity Lutheran

Nov. 21 — Worship @ Prairie Hills

Nov. 22 — Newsletter Deadline

Nov. 25 — Shared Blessings

Nov. 26 — Rock Band Youth Group

Nov. 29 — Holy Folders



### Mission Statement:

**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

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