

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HACAP Mobile Food Truck

The HACAP truck that normally comes on the first Friday of the month will be here on the 2nd Friday—December 8. They will be here from 3:30–4:30 pm. If you know of anyone that stops by, please let them know of this change.

Angel Tree

The holiday season can be a tough time of year; especially if you are already facing hardships. We will once again be have the opportunity to help make two families Christmases a little brighter. On the Angel Tree (in the Gathering Place) you will find gift tags with requests. If you would like to help, please take a tag off the tree, purchase the request, wrap the gift and return it to the church. Gifts may be placed under the Christmas tree. Please include the original gift tag with your present. All gifts need to be at the church by December 17.

Fellowship Coffee

Fellowship Coffee will move to the dining room. Join us downstairs for wonderful treats, coffee, and great conversation. If you haven't had a chance to sign up to serve, you can do so then!

Ushers and Greeters and Communion Servers oh my!

Help is needed in all of these areas! If you could help with any of these Sunday morning jobs, please sign-up on the sheets at the back of the sanctuary or talk to Wayne Hunt or Candy Dusenberry.

The Next Congregation

If you are looking for someone to wrap your Christmas gifts or help with holiday decorating, look no further! The youth would be happy to help you with this. Please contact Aubrey Gradert or Holly Schott if interested.

THIS WEEK AT TIPTON UMC

Sunday, Dec. 3

The Next Congregation

Thursday Dec. 7

10 am – GIG

6:30 pm – GIG

Friday, Dec. 8

3:30 pm – HACAP Mobile Food Truck

Saturday, Dec. 9

11–11:45 am – Shared Blessings

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of TIPTON

10:00 am Worship Service

Mission Statement:

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

December 3, 2023



“SAYING
YES TO GOD”

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Making a Smart Investment for the Next Congregation
Total Donations and Pledges as of November 27
\$63,797.81

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes before worship starts)

GATHERING As SISTERS & BROTHERS OF JESUS

PRELUDE "All Earth Is Waiting" Jo Brown

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lord, we come to you today seeking you.

We ask that during this season you prepare us for your kingdom.

P: Restore us, O God; Let your face shine, that we might be saved.

*HYMN "Prepare the Way of the Lord" No. 207

*ADVENT READING

*HYMN "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph" No. 215

YOUTH MINUTE

Copper kettles will be passed at this time. You're invited to put 'noisy money' [change!] in the kettles for mission projects to be identified by your Missions Team.

GROWING As DISCIPLES

SUNG CALL TO PRAYER "Joy to the World" (vss. 1, 3) No. 246

ACT OF PRAISE "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King" Chancel Choir

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jesus, we come to you on this day of preparation. We pray that you open our hearts anew to your word. May your spirit remind us. Remind us of who we have been and who you have called us to be. Remind us of your presence with us. Help us give you the freedom to work your transforming power in your lives. May you receive all of the power and glory. Amen

*SCRIPTURE READING (please follow along in your pew Bibles)

Isaiah 7:13–14 and Luke 1:46–55

Adam & MJ Heil

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Saying Yes to God " Pastor Melody

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ADVENT

(please bring your offering as you come forward)

Joys and Challenges

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

"Washing" and Invitation

Come, for Christ invites ALL to His Table

SENT. . . To Be APOSTLES

*SENDING SONG "Blessed Be the God of Israel " No. 209

*THE BLESSING AND SENDING

L: Go now, seeking to grow into who Christ has created you to be, preparing your hearts for the coming of his kingdom.

P: We will seek to be prepared to meet the coming Lord.

POSTLUDE "Emmanuel" Jo Brown

PRAYERS

Healing: Ken McKay, Chris Edwards (Pastor Melody's brother), Alberta Wagaman, Bob Rickard, Betty Orr (Greg Brown's aunt), Deb Lowry, Irene Wood, Glenn Fear, Jo Ann Beers, Nick Brown, Glenn Eaton, Bob Gould, half-brother and nephew of Deb Lowry, Randy Nau

Prayers for Those in Life Transitions: Daisy Wingert, Helen Timm, Ken Gould, Rhonda Waugh, Denise Cartwright, Lynn McIntosh, Carolyn Wood

Individuals & Families Experiencing Loss:

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), Joyce Urmie (Sandy Brown's sister-in-law), Chris Ward

Armed Services: Dustin Kushnereit (Lisa Davies' son-in-law), Joseph Battey, Jacob Ketelsen, 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