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Update: 12-20-21

An adult leader of the church discovered the fire. He was opening the building for youth group activities. The smoke detectors that are present in the building were not alarming.

The probable cause of the fire is a candle that was left burning on the Advent Wreath area after regular morning services on 12-19-21. The fire is unintentional.

The State Fire Marshal's Office, Fire & Explosion Investigation Bureau, was notified of the fire.

Tipp City Electric, Tipp City PD, and Center Point Energy all assisted on the scene.

The estimated damages are \$50,000 for the property and \$25,000 for the contents.

End of update. CJH

On 12-19-2021 at 5:08 pm, Tipp City Fire/EMS responded to the Church of the Nazarene at 1221 W. Main Street in Tipp City, for a report of a smoke coming from the sanctuary in the building. The on scene personnel reported smoke showing on arrival. The engine crew set command and performed fire attack. The building was evacuated on arrival.

Tipp City Firefighters located the fire in the sanctuary on or near the alter. The fire was extinguished by quick action on behalf of the first engine on scene. The crews thoroughly checked the structure to ensure the fire did not spread. Multiple personnel responded from home to assist on-duty crews. Tipp City had multiple fire apparatus on the scene.

The origin of the fire is located in an area in which a candle was be used this morning for services. The cause is undetermined by the fire department at this time. The fire is unintentional.

The total estimated loss to the structure is not determined at this time. The damage is primarily smoke damage inside the structure.

No injuries reported from by church personnel or emergency crews on scene. Two ambulance calls were dispatched and handled during the fire incident.

West Milton Fire Department and a Union Township ambulance was on scene for mutual aid.