



# Tidings

February 2019 Volume 85 Issue 2



As Christ's Light of Hope, together we Become, Serve, Celebrate and Share

## Celebrate God's Goodness

**February 24, 10:10 am**  
**Loft Second Floor**

**All Church Potluck Brunch**

**Let's gather together to beat the winter blahs.**



Save the Date

July 22-26 5:30-7:00 pm

As the newest staff member, I thought I would take a minute to introduce myself. My name is **Jackie Brockert** and I am the new event coordinator, and office administer. I was born and raised in Iowa, and live in Danville, with my husband Robert. I am blessed to have two children, a step son with seven grandchildren. The children live on both coasts ,yet technology keeps us close.

My career began in Iowa, and I have worked in New York and Texas both in administrative capacity and sales. For the last thirty years, I have resided in Iowa, in restaurant, sales and event planning. I look forward to the amazing operation that the Loft is becoming.

SPRC hired Jackie as a new position. Saying Jackie is Sharyn's replacement is not quite accurate. Sure, she will do most of Sharyn's responsibilities. Yet, in addition, she is to promote, recruit, coordinate, market, and supervise events to assist in the diversification of income. Please be sure to take time to introduce yourself to Jackie as we embark on this new adventure together.



## **First United Methodist Church**

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### **Traditional Worship**

Sundays 9:00 am

### **Education Hour**

Sundays 10:10 am

### **Children's Wednesday Night**

Meal, Lesson, Music, Games  
5:30-7:00 pm

## **LOFT**

416 Jefferson St.

Burlington, IA 52601-5143

Facebook—[LOFTEventsBurlington](https://www.facebook.com/LOFTEventsBurlington)

## **Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

## **Fair Trade Market**

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Saturday 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Facebook-Loft Market

Rev. Melisa Bracht-Wagner  
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### **Event and Office Manager**

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### **Organist & Handbell Director:**

Roxy Riessen

### **Choir Director:** Jacob Yochum

**Custodians:** Tim Votaw,  
Nikcole Landon

### **Assistant Children Director**

Lucy Cockrell  
[education@umcburl.org](mailto:education@umcburl.org)

### **Childcare Providers:**

Nikcole Landon, Cameron Kelly  
Abby Peters

Let's begin with thank you. As December was coming to a close, I did not believe that we would pay our apportionments in full. Despite careful budget watching and operating with minimal staff, the numbers were not adding up. Then, the last week of December, God provided through your faithful support. THANK YOU.

Great things are happening in 2019. I am super excited.

**GYM:** With the gym fully funded, volunteers continue to build walls and level the floors. Materials are being ordered. Our goal is to have the project completed by the fall.

**Summer Ministry Interns:** SPRC has approved the hiring of summer ministry interns. These interns focus on Children, Youth, Worship, and Mission. The funding for the interns comes from our Christian Educator line item (we haven't hired this position yet). The great thing about interns—they provide energy and enthusiasm.

**Small Groups:** Small groups are a great way to feel a closer connection to God and each other. With a church loving on new individuals and families, our faith growth comes when we experience God smaller. Small groups transform lives.

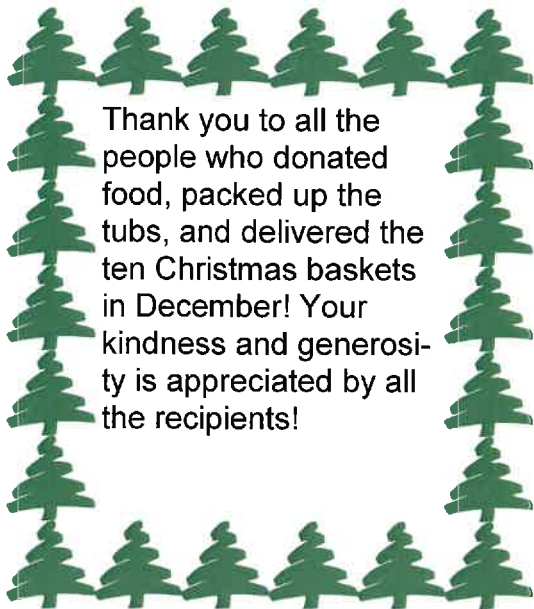
Preaching this semester will focus on the narrative lectionary primarily the Gospel of Matthew and Acts. Together, we will journey through the Gospel story.

Lamentations 3: 22 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

In all our struggles in the rebuilding and waiting, God has been faithful and present. Let's look forward to the hope found in God's great compassion. Celebrate the goodness all around.  
Rev Melisa BW

On a side note, the cancer journey continues. Infusions are bi-weekly (until April 4) with a 46 hour take home pump. A new scan might happen at the end of February to see if the chemotherapy is working. Thank you for all your support and prayers. For more information please see—<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/melisabracht-wagner>

# Serve: Mission



Thank you to all the people who donated food, packed up the tubs, and delivered the ten Christmas baskets in December! Your kindness and generosity is appreciated by all the recipients!

Christmas is over! But the needy are still with us. In the narthex at the back of the sanctuary is a grocery cart. It is your receptacle for food items for the hungry in January and the rest of the year. When you go shopping each week, would you be able to buy one or two extra items that you could put into this cart? This is a particularly hard time for the hungry. With the government shut-down their SNAP cards (food stamps) may disappear. Their hunger does not. Jenny Gallagher takes the food items in the cart to the food pantry each month. Please make Jenny's next trip worthwhile with a cart full of food the next time she goes. Thank you for helping and feeding Jesus' sheep!

## Summer Games University July 8-12

SGU is a Christian summer camp for students who have completed grades 6-12. This one-week camp is an experiential, relationship focused camp where students will have the opportunity to learn more about who Jesus is and build relationships with other Christian students. Church will pay 1/2 of the fee. Pastor Melisa recommends this camp for youth.

Iowa UM Conference Camp Catalogue has not been released yet.



February 10  
Kids sing in  
worship

PBJ: Wednesday Evening Ministry 5:30-7:00 pm Church Lower Level

Weather Reminder: No School, No PBJ



Sunday, February 3 5:15 pm  
SUPERBOWL Party  
Dave and Melisa's House  
2819 Shamrock



# Become: Christian Education

## Sunday Small Groups

**Life and Laughter Sunday School Class** in the Choir Room at 10:10 am facilitated by

February 3 Russian Icons and the Orthodox Church with Deb Jochims

February 10 REBUILD NEPAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION with Ernest Schiller of Donnellson.

This is his mission foundation that was formed to work on rebuilding the education system in Nepal after their severe earthquake in 2014

February 17 Discussion of the Article "We Were Wrong" with David Ure

February 24 Beat the Winter Blah's All Church Potluck

**Brunch Bunch**, facilitated by Jim Corder, room 217 of the second floor of the church. At the close of class, many journey to a restaurant for fellowship and food.

**1111 Small Group**, facilitated by group members, southwest corner of the sanctuary of the church. Devotions with a time of sharing and intentional prayer.

**Biblical Based Spiritual Formation Conversations** Beginning February 3, 2019 10:10 a.m. to 11 a.m., in Room 213. In the Letter to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul lists the fruits of the *spirit* contrasted with the fruits of the flesh. The Apostle John recalled Jesus saying; "What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is *spirit*" and "God is *spirit*, and those who worship him must worship in *spirit* and truth." Jerry Rigdon will lead those attending into conversations about belief, faith, spirituality, the idea of being, or becoming spirit led people. The fullness of scripture will be the platform. First conversations will center on the above mentioned verses as well as John 14:26 and Matthew 5 through 7.

**Soncatchers**, located in room 214 (second floor of church), with Julie Anderson and Melanie Sullivan as we continue to develop our relationship with Hope Haven.

**Children's Sunday School**, meets in the lower level of the church, Room 3.

## Wednesday Small Group

**The Crew** Church Second Floor 213

First/Fifth Wednesday	No Meeting.
Second Wednesday	Study group 5:30-7 while kids in PBJ.
Third Wednesday	We all go out to dinner together.
Fourth Wednesday	Study and/or service project.



## Interested in a Small Group

We are looking to start four more small groups. Are you searching for community? Do you like to eat out? Could we connect with others? Please contact Pastor Melisa 319.929.3281 or indicate your desire on the connection card.

**February Worship Leaders**

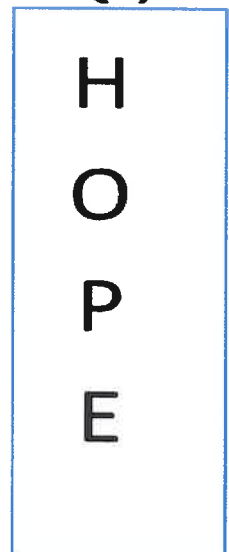
	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Greeter, Usher	The Murphy Family	The Jed Cone Family	Kara Jameson & Matt Stoner	Randy and Mary Jane Hemphill
Liturgist	Ilianna & Isabella Murphy	The Jed Cone Family	Kara Jameson	Jeff Schulz
Acolyte 9:00	Ilianna & Isabella Murphy	Haley & Ben Cone	Norah Bhawle and Katie Taylor	Bracht-Wagner
Children's sermon	Cindy Seibert	Ernest Schiller	Melanie Sullivan	Rachel Yochum
JUMP	The Fenton's	Janet Brissy	Lucy Cockrell	Karhi Plein
Fellowship Time	Laverne and Patty Neal	Bruce and Sue Dichraff	Savannah and Rohit Brawl	Jim and Barb Evans
Altar Flowers	Carol Zaiser	OPEN	OPEN	Lisa and Bryan Hill

Thank you for your faithful giving in 2018. With your support, careful budget oversight, and operating with minimal staff, we were able to pay our apportionments in full.

Our vision statement says that we are Christ's Light of Hope. It's **how** we Serve. It's **who** we want to Become. It's **what** we want to Share. It's **why** we Celebrate. In 2019, the Finance Committee wants us to **LIGHT IT UP!** One of the ways we serve is with our tithes and offerings. In order for our church staff to have the funds to provide programs, and have people to lead them, we need to support our budget. To keep everyone informed of our progress each month, our committee will be presenting the numbers and giving updates.

2 Corinthians 9:7 *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
<b>Income</b>	\$349,770	\$310,003.71	\$327,600.00
Loft Event Income	\$25,000	\$19896.95	\$30,000.00
Total Income	\$374,770	\$334,800.68	\$357,600.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
A. Apportionments	\$55,508.00	\$55,508.00	\$39,405.92**
B. District Apportionments	\$1428.44	\$1428.44	\$1477.00
D. Office Expense	\$5603.00	\$9747.66	\$9,050.00
E. Stewardship & Finance	\$1400.00	\$128.73	\$600.00
H Evangelism & Membership	\$2,000.00	\$1318.56	\$2,000.00
I Worship, Events, Music	\$1125.00	\$1202.51	\$1,850.00
J. Property Expense	\$85,655.00	\$70,140.60	\$82,200.00
K. Loft Events Expense	\$6,000.00	\$5405.92	\$6,000.00
L. Christian Education	\$2,800.00	\$1335.46	\$2,500.00
Total Expenses	\$374,495.27	\$334,900.66	\$357,600
Net Income	\$274.97	\$971.51*	0



Monthly Amount  
\$27,300

**2019 is our Year to  
LIGHT IT UP!**

\* Transferred to Benevolence Contingency Account

\*\* Total Apportionments for 2019 is \$56,163 Our goal is to pay the full amount.

**First United Methodist Church, LOFT & Church EVENTS**

**Feb 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>27</p> <p>7:30am - Choir</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10:10am - Sunday</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth</p>	<p>28</p> <p>3:15pm - UMW Exec.</p> <p>6:30pm - Endowment</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8am - Foster Care</p> <p>9am - Mah Jong</p> <p>5:30pm - Bridges</p> <p>5:30pm - Trustees</p> <p>6:30pm - Mission</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8am - Abraham</p> <p>8:45am - Quilter's</p> <p>5:30pm - Church - PB&amp;J @</p> <p>6:30pm - Inspiration</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9am - Card Playing</p> <p>2pm - Dave Ure Tech</p> <p>6pm - Foster Care</p> <p>7pm - Bel Canto</p>	<p>1</p> <p>International Chess Tournament</p> <p>2pm - Church Event</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11am - Loft 1 event</p> <p>11am - Meeting-</p>
<p>3</p> <p>International Chess</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9am - Mah Jong</p> <p>5pm - Loft event</p> <p>5:30pm - Bridges</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8am - Abraham</p> <p>8:45am - Quilter's</p> <p>5:30pm - Church - PB&amp;J @</p> <p>6:30pm - Inspiration</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - Card Playing</p> <p>2pm - Dave Ure Tech</p> <p>6pm - Foster Care</p> <p>7pm - Bel Canto</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am - Card Playing</p> <p>2pm - Dave Ure Tech</p> <p>6pm - Foster Care</p> <p>7pm - Bel Canto</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>7:30am - Choir</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10:10am - Sunday</p> <p>12pm - Loft Event</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8am - Foster Care</p> <p>9am - Mah Jong</p> <p>5:30pm - Bridges</p> <p>5:30pm - Trustees</p> <p>6:30pm - Mission</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8am - Abraham</p> <p>8:45am - Quilter's</p> <p>5:30pm - PB&amp;J @</p> <p>6pm - Arc Training</p> <p>6:30pm - Inspiration</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am - Card Playing</p> <p>2pm - Dave Ure Tech</p> <p>6pm - Foster Care</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am - Card Playing</p> <p>2pm - Dave Ure Tech</p> <p>6pm - Foster Care</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>7:30am - Choir</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10:10am - Sunday</p> <p>12pm - Loft Event</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7pm - Miriam Circle</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8am - Abraham</p> <p>8:45am - Quilter's</p> <p>12pm - Lunchtime</p> <p>5:30pm - PB&amp;J @</p> <p>6:30pm - Inspiration</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am - Card Playing</p> <p>2pm - Dave Ure Tech</p> <p>3:30pm - Fair Trade</p> <p>6pm - Foster Care</p> <p>6pm - SPRC</p> <p>7pm - Ad Council</p> <p>7pm - Bel Canto</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am - Card Playing</p> <p>2pm - Dave Ure Tech</p> <p>3:30pm - Fair Trade</p> <p>6pm - Foster Care</p> <p>6pm - SPRC</p> <p>7pm - Ad Council</p> <p>7pm - Bel Canto</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11am - Shower-Loft</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>7:30am - Choir</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10:10am - Sunday</p> <p>12pm - Loft 1st</p> <p>5pm - Cantata</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am - Mah Jong</p> <p>5:30pm - Bridges</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8am - Abraham</p> <p>8:45am - Quilter's</p> <p>5:30pm - PB&amp;J @</p> <p>6:30pm - Inspiration</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9am - Card Playing</p> <p>2pm - Dave Ure Tech</p> <p>6pm - Foster Care</p> <p>7pm - Bel Canto</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am - Card Playing</p> <p>2pm - Dave Ure Tech</p> <p>6pm - Foster Care</p> <p>7pm - Bel Canto</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>



## UMW MEETING REMINDERS....

**Wednesdays: 8:45 am -**  
**Quilters at the Loft**

**1:00-2:00 pm Women's**

**Bible Study in the Loft Library**

**The UMW Executive Board will meet at 3:15 pm.**

**Sarah's Circle- February 25th**

**Miriam Circle- Does Not Meet in February**

Shop the **Fair Trade LOFT Market** located in the LOFT first floor. Unique gifts from around the globe are gifts **that** give twice. Once to your loved one. Once to the artisan who can sustain their family or send their child to school. If you would like to volunteer at the LOFT Market, please contact Cheryl Jones. **Gift Certificates Available**

David Ure will not be doing Tech Time sessions after Valentine's Day. If you need some help with your smartphone, tablet, laptop, software, etc. after that, please call the church office, leave your name and number and David will get back to you to schedule a get-together.

Hy-Vee cards are available in the church office or in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. The proceeds help support our missionary, Larry Kies at African University in Zimbabwe.



Feb. 01 Vicki and Dennis Wischmeier  
Feb. 02 Connie and Burr Japsen  
Feb. 09 Rhonda and Tom Stoller  
Feb. 10 Kris and Alan Hanks  
Feb. 19 Garvin and Helen Weitzel



Feb. 02 Jim Farr, Isabella Murphy, Mary Preibe, Doug Twyman  
Feb. 04 Sarah Roark  
Feb. 05 Roger Stauffacher, Tim Votaw, Abby Weyls  
Feb. 07 Pamela Dohlman  
Feb. 08 Jim Corder, Blake Spear, Ryker Spear, Gloria Jewett, Cory O'Brien  
Feb. 10 William Canfield, Elana (Laney) Landon  
Feb. 11 Wendy Zick  
Feb. 12 Mary Taylor  
Feb. 14 Alicia Duff  
Feb. 15 Tyler Bickel, David Camp, John Riessen  
Feb. 18 Virginia Ford, Alia Plein  
Feb. 20 Renee Landis  
Feb. 21 Bob Devore, Frank Hills  
Feb. 22 Marjorie Harris  
Feb. 23 Kiersten Jameson  
Feb. 24 Katie Taylor  
Feb. 25 Max Owens  
Feb. 26 Greg Johnson  
Feb. 27 Molly Cockrell, Denise Johnson  
Feb. 28 Chris Robbins, Rich Thompson  
Feb. 29 Miaree Ure-Harmon

## Wish List

- Looking for a sponsor to cover the Hawkeye Newspaper Church Directory Listing. \$6 per week. \$312 annually. We thank the sponsor who has covered this expense for the past 6 years.
- Volunteer to coordinate the Pictorial Directory in April.



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## UMM SPONSORED SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

United Methodist Men will prepare and serve an “All You Can Eat” pancake supper on Tuesday, March 5, 2018 at the Loft from 5-7 PM. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, apple sauce, coffee, orange juice and milk. The ticket price is \$8.00 for adults age thirteen and above, children age 4-12 \$4.00, and under are free. Tickets will be sold after church services, at the door, and in the church office. All proceeds from the pancake supper will go to support the Ken Koch Memorial Scholarship.

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