



Tidings



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

Softball – It's that time again to be thinking about church league co-ed softball! The first games are April 30th, a Tuesday, as are all of our scheduled games. The season should be finished by the end of July. You have to be at least 14, but there's no upper limit. We only ask that you give your all and have fun.

To play for the **FUMC Firsts**, who won their upper division tournament last year, contact Duane Hartman (319-383- 8263 or duanehartman55@gmail.com). As you can imagine, they're pretty good, but Duane can always use more players.

To play for the **FUMC MUMs** (Mostly Us Methodists), get a hold of David Ure (319-759- 3911 or sirure@icloud.com). The MUMs have finished in the bronze position of the leagues lower division for the past two years. They don't win as much as the Firsts, but they do know how to make game night a good time.



Please contact one or the other of the coaches quickly as they have to have preliminary rosters ready for the coaches meeting at the RecPlex.



Save the Date

July 15-19 5:30-7:00 pm

Looking for Volunteers for
Vacation Bible School—

- Station Leaders for Preschool Age—
Imagination and Craft Station
- Teenagers to guide each group to the next place
- Grandparents to be available for kids having a rough day

Dinner Benefit for
Trinity Lutheran Church
Friday, April 12
5:00 pm
Loft Second Floor
Details available soon

April Worship Leaders

	April 7 Matthew 25:31-46	April 14 Matthew 21:1-17	April 21 Easter Matthew 28:1-10	April 28 Matthew 28:16-20
Greeter, Usher	Barb and Bob Cameron	Dave and Barb Miller	Bickels	Bryan and Lisa Hill
Liturgist	Karen Piper	Barbara Schulz	Melanie Sullivan	Bryan Hill
Acolyte 9:00			Edward and Kimberly	Norrah Harris?
Children's sermon	Barb Evans		Rachel Yochum	Cindy Seibert
JUMP		Kahri Plein		Kahri Plein
Fellowship Time	Neals	Dichraffs	Bawhles	Evans
Altar Flowers	Connie And Burr Japsen	Bob and Judy Adams	Joe and Amy O'Brien	Mary Ann Grinde

*faith and
finances*

Financial Numbers as of March 24, 2019

Budgeted Income \$75,735.48 Giving Income \$57,650.52 plus LOFT Income \$4,150 Total Income \$61,800.52
 Budgeted Expenses \$84,009.40 Actual Expenses \$65,482.92 We are not current on apportionments

Sunday Small Groups

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

- April 7 Review of the General Conference Statement
- April 14 Barb Cameron to talk about CASA
- April 21 Easter - No Class
- April 28

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 Room 213 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.

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



From February 23 through 26, 2019, the global United Methodist Church sent delegates to the General Assembly in St. Louis to address the LGBTQIA+ issue. These delegates were from the United States and countries around the world, including Russia and some African nations which have government regulations banning homosexuality.

The main issues were whether to allow members of the LGBTQIA+ community to be able to be married in a United Methodist Church by a United Methodist minister and whether to allow members of the LGBTQIA+ community to become ordained Methodist ministers.

Several different plans were offered to the delegates. By a vote of 438 to 384, it was decided to keep the wording that already existed in the Book of Discipline, the Traditional Plan, and to add punitive measures of one year's suspension without pay to a Methodist minister who married an LGBTQIA+ couple and loss of credentials if it happened a second time.

Clergy and laity in many conferences in the United States, including the Iowa Conference, have grieved this vote as being unjust and harmful and have written statements in support of full inclusion of the LGBTQIA+ into the life of the United Methodist Church.

A team from Burlington First United Methodist was charged to write a statement from our church to be sent to District Superintendent and Bishop and a letter for our Burlington community. These team members are Andree Halden, Judy Adams, Mary Taeger, Terri Elliot, Jim Evans, Vicki Wischmeier, Andrea Walz-Hartman, John Schulz, Melanie Sullivan, Heather Brueck, Rachel Yochum, and Ann Ure.

The statements on page four is a result of the committee's work. It was presented to our Administrative Council at the March meeting. There will be three small group meetings at the church for those who are interested to attend about this statement. Those meetings will be **Friday, March 29, at 7 pm in room 213, Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 am in room 213, and Sunday, April 7 in the Life and Laughter Sunday School class at 10:15 in the choir room.** *This is your opportunity to have input or make suggestions.*

We recognize that both sides of the issue are struggling. We want to hear you. We desire to listen to you.

Denominations have been discussing this issue for decades. Many United Methodist Churches have decided their stance as long as twenty years ago.

After these meetings, the committee will meet again and consider any suggested changes in the statements. The statement will then go back to the Administrative Council for their approval. Ann Ure

THE CAPITOL MUSICAL THEATER PROGRAM PRESENTS

Besties on Broadway



When a group of Musical Manhattan Misfits come together the fun and friendships begin!

Written and produced by Lori Wilson for the Capitol After School Program Kids

Saturday, April 7th
4pm Red Carpet Premier

Saturday, April 13th,
7pm Performance

Sunday, April 14th
2pm Matinee Performance

Adult Tickets \$5.00

Children are
Free Admission

For more information contact Lori Wilson
at WilsonLFJ@bellsouth.com or 319.601.0733

Below are the two statements to be discussed on

Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm in room 213

Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 am in room 213

Sunday, April 7 at 10:10 am in the church lower level, choir room

Dear District Superintendent and Bishop Haller,

Burlington First United Methodist Church would like to affirm our belief in God's love as taught by Jesus Christ to love one another. The peace, comfort, and joy of God's love is unconditional and open to all.

We would like to affirm our agreement with the mission statement of the United Methodist Church "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" by being his hands and feet here in our community.

For the Burlington First United Methodist Church, our vision statement is "As Christ's light of hope, together we become, serve, celebrate, and share" which is in tandem with the message that "The LOFT, community building of First United Methodist Church, develops relationships through fellowship, mission outreach, and recreation."

We are here to serve all people and not to be in judgment of anyone. We welcome and walk with the the LGBTQ+ community as well as all who are marginalized by the mainstream of society, including the poor, the needy, the imprisoned, and the mentally ill. While there are differences among us, we can love alike though we may not think alike.

We will continue our ministries and support to all in our local community, as well as our outreach to others in God's great world. Our support of the Bridges Out of Poverty program, our covenant with Women at the Well, our financial donations to the Burlington Homeless Shelter, and other ministries for those in our community and elsewhere who struggle with daily life on Earth will continue.

Our message continues to be "Open hearts, open minds, open doors."

To this end, we will bind with others in the United Methodist Church to share God's love through the ministries of Jesus Christ, and we will work to include all of God's children seeking inclusion and full participation in the life of the Church.

Yours in Christ, Burlington First United Methodist

Dear Burlington Community,

Recently the General Conference of the global United Methodist Church met in St. Louis and voted to exclude members of the LGBTQ+ community from full participation in the life of the United Methodist Church.

Burlington First United Methodist Church is troubled by this vote. While there are differences among us, we can love alike though we may not think alike.

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Burlington First United Methodist Church

missions our backyard



MISSIONS CORNER

The Bridges Out of Poverty program is a ministry administered by Mona Ash and her staff from Young House to provide a structure for self motivated people living in our community to learn the skills that will help them leave generational poverty and find jobs that will benefit them, their families, and our community. This group meets in the Loft on Tuesday evenings.

First United Methodist Church supports their endeavors and so we provide their evening meal the first Tuesday of the month.

Many groups within the church have kindly committed to sharing the responsibility of helping prepare and serve these meals. The meals are served at 5:30 on second floor of the Loft.

Below is a schedule for these meals. If you or your group is not included, please let Ann Ure know (319-759-2990, call or text, or annlucilleure@gmail.com) and you will be included!

April 2: Balcony Dwellers

May 7: Life and Laughter Sunday School Class

June 4: Fair Trade Volunteers

July 2: 11:11 Sunday School Class

Aug. 6: Bell Choir

Sept. 3: Mission Committee

The grocery items in the shopping cart in the narthex of the church provide food for the people in our community who cannot provide enough for themselves and the children in their families. Your food donations not only provide the most basic need to the hungry, but it is the easiest and most basic ministry that Christians can do.

All food items are welcomed. Ones with high protein content—peanut butter, tuna, macaroni and cheese—are especially nutritious for growing children. Any toiletry items, such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, and toothpaste, will be given to Mona Ash for her clients through Young House.

FLOODING

What will we do to help the flooding? As a church, we will not be heading to the west coast of Iowa because...in a few days the east coast of the state, will be flooded. If you know someone who needs help, please let Pastor Melisa know. We are prepared to send a team to help muck and gut fully equipped with cookies.

Notice of our mission experiences will be published via Pew News. Please keep watch and thank you in advance for volunteering to help our neighbors in need.

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. 572-5914

RAGBRAI is coming

July 26

We are

doing a Homemade Meal,

Lemonade Stand, and

Sleeping a team

Help in many ways are needed.

Please Save the Date to Serve.

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





UMW MEETING REMINDERS....

Wednesdays:

8:45 am - Quilters at the Loft

1:00-2:00 pm Women's Bible Study Loft Library

April 6- SE District Day apart at Kalona UMC and Laity Day with Bishop Laurie Haller

The UMW Executive Board will meet on April 8 at 3:15.

Miriam Circle- April 15- 7pm Janet Schupback: Hostess and program (at Loft)

Sarah Circle April 22- (9 am) Hostess, devotions and Program Karen Piper.

*All women are invited and encouraged to attend any of the above listed meetings.

Order Your Easter Lilies *EASTER LILLIES*

I/We would like to purchase an Easter Lily at the cost of \$16.05 each. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 4

Name _____

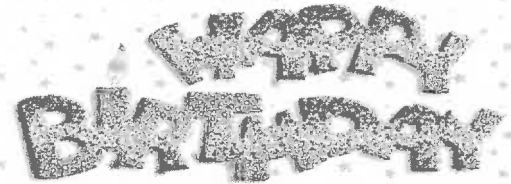
Address _____

This lily is in memory/honor of:

You may put this form in the offering plate or phone the church office at 754-8421 by Sunday March 18. We will order the plants from **Zaiser's**. **Your payment must be included with this order form and please make the checks out to First UMC.** You may also send or bring a lily to the church. It can be dropped off at the church office. Please remember to provide the memorial information. You may pick up your lily following worship on Easter Sunday.



Roger and Gail Ferry	April 2
Scott and Jo Williams	April 7
Jim and Julie Kniffen	April 7
Sue and Dennis Dickey	April 23



Joe Weingart	April 2
John Youngquist	April 2
Suzanne Lunsford	April 3
Nancy Pilger	April 3
Mae Whipple	April 4
Kelsie Schmeiser	April 5
Jan Alter	April 7
Janet Schupback	April 8
Lin Phillips	April 9
Chris Murphy	April 11
Jeff Crooks	April 12
Mary Saye	April 12
Carolyn Bouquet	April 14
Lennis Kelley	April 14
Ruth Rowley	April 17
Tom Bell	April 19
Jody Crooks	April 20
Ryan Kendall	April 21
Jeanette Gallagher	April 22
Shelly Ahner	April 26
Janet Eggenberger	April 26
Gary Warner	April 26
Tammy Yotter	April 26
Angie Johnson	April 27
Sarah Smith	April 27
Derek Stotlar	April 27
Rhonda Wynn	April 27
Bethany Dichraff	April 28
Jody Goble	April 28
Kinnick Crose	April 30

Jackie Brockert, First United Methodist Church, LOFT & Church EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	
7:30am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship Service 9am - Worship Service @ with 10:10am - Sunday School 1pm - Loft 2nd Party 6pm - Puppets	Life touch pictures 9am - Mah Jong 5pm - Bridges 5:30pm - Bridges	9am - Mah Jong 6:30pm - Endowment 6:30pm - Mission Committee 7pm - Trustees	Lifetouch Picture 8am - Abraham Men's Group 8:45am - Quilter's 5:30pm - PB&J @ Church 6pm - Griefshare 6:30pm - Inspiration Ringers	9am - Card Playing 7pm - Bel Canto	2pm - Loft Two Event	9am - Bel Canto Dress 11am - Event 11am - Loft Event 3pm - Loft Event
7	8	9	10	11	12	
3:15pm - UMW Exec. Board	9am - Mah Jong 6:30pm - Endowment 6:30pm - Mission Committee 7pm - Trustees	8am - Abraham Men's Group 8:45am - Quilter's 5:30pm - PB&J @ Church 6pm - Griefshare 6:30pm - Inspiration Ringers	8am - Card Playing 7pm - Ad Council	8:30am - Loft Event	8:30am - Loft Event 6pm - Cotillion Dnce	
14	15	16	17	18	19	
7:30am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Sunday School 1pm - Event 6pm - Puppets 7pm - Palm Sunday at Grace	9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges 7pm - Finance Cmte	8am - Abraham Men's Group 8:45am - Quilter's 12pm - Luncheon Chamber 5:30pm - PB&J @ Church 6pm - Griefshare 6:30pm - Inspiration Ringers	8am - Card Playing 3:30pm - Fair Trade 7pm - Holy Thursday at West Hill	7pm - Good Friday Cantata	11am - Event	
21	22	23	24	25	26	
7:30am - Choir Practice 9am - Easter Service 10:10am - Sunday School 6pm - Puppets	9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges	8am - Abraham Men's Group 8:45am - Quilter's 6pm - Griefshare 6:30pm - Inspiration Ringers	8am - Card Playing 6pm - SPRC	9am - Card Playing 6pm - SPRC	11am - Event - 11:00 Great River Christian School	
28	29	30	1	2	3	
7:30am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Sunday School 6pm - Puppets	9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges	9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges	9am - Card Playing	9am - Card Playing	9am - Card Playing	

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Sunday, 7:00 pm on April 14, Palm Sunday, at Grace
Thursday, 7:00 pm Maundy **Thursday** Service, April 18, at West Hill
Good **Friday** Port of Burlington for the Way of the Cross, 11:30 am
Good Friday "Tenebrae" Cantata at First UMC, 7:00 pm
Sunday, Easter Morning—April 21— Traditional Worship at 9:00
Sunday, May 5 9:00 am Puppet of Praise Performance



He has
given us a new
birth into a living hope
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV