



Tidings

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Your mother and the one
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416 Jefferson (the LOFT)



Our Community
Listens Conference
June 4-6

First United Methodist Church Burlington will host Our Community Listens Communication Training. Ryan Freitag dreamed of bringing the training here in July 2017. This will be our 5th class. Eighteen members of the community (five from our congregation) have completed the pre-work necessary for the conference. The goal is to improve the way we listen to those different from us so that together we might find creative solutions. If you are interested, please apply online at

www.ourcommunitylistens.org/public-classes/burlington-ia



Two Teams. Two games Tuesday
Twice the number of people to cheer.

Please join the *fellowship* as we make
noise in the stands.
Tuesdays. Rec Plex.
Games could be 6:30, 7:30 or 8:30



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- Burlington's First United Methodist Church
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- POP—Puppets of Praise FUMC
- Our Community Listens-Burlington

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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—Resumes September

LOFT

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Burlington, IA 52601-5143

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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

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Roxy Riessen

Choir Director: Jacob Yochum

Custodian: Tim Votaw, Matt Burns

Assistant Children Director

Lucy Cockrell

education@umcburl.org

Childcare Providers:

Cameron Kelly Abby Peters

May is a busy month. Mothers Day, Senior Sunday, Graduations, planning for summer, and school ending. Lots of opportunities for celebration and get togethers.



As humans, we often get caught up in the planning for the next thing. Details for the next thing. Often we forget to focus on the now and the people around us.

The saying is true—today has enough issues of its own. When we jump ahead to tomorrow—we can miss the joys and blessings of today. Matthew says

³⁰⁻³³ "If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God's *giving*. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

³⁴ "Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

Harder in practice than on paper. Yet, when we stick to today, we can help build the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world. This is our call. Our responsibility. Our privilege. To work side by side with our God who keeps promises.

Melisa BW

PS. On a side note, I begin radiation on April 29 for 28 days here in Burlington. This unwanted adventure creates a need to find our summer volunteers early—in case I need to be out for a moment. Please help us by signing up for Summer Special Music, Lemonade Stand, VBS, and RAGBRAI. Sign up boards are in the sanctuary and church office. Thank you in advance for signing up early.

May Worship Leaders

	May 5 Acts 10:1-17	May 12 Acts 13:1-3	May 19 Romans 1:1-17	May 26 Romans 3:28-30
Greeter, Usher	Duane & Sandy Henrichsen	Duane & Andrea Hartman	Seniors	Cindy Brown & Maggie
Liturgist	Barb Carter	Kayleigh	Seniors	Karen Piper
Acolyte 9:00	Puppets	Kayleigh	Seniors	Maggie
Children's sermon	Puppets	Rachel Yochum	Jerry Ridgon	Lucy
JUMP	Puppets	Fentons	Deb Jochims	Kahri Plein
Fellowship Time	Neals	Dichraffs	Bhawle	Evans
Altar Flowers	Janet Schupback	Bill and Linda Pilger	Don and Mary Taeger	Roger and Gail Ferry

faith and
finances

Financial Numbers as of April 25, 2019

Budgeted Income \$104,650 Giving Income \$ 79,664.90 plus LOFT Income \$8,009 Total Income \$87,673.90
Budgeted Expenses \$114,590.27 Actual Expenses \$89,335.17 We are not current on apportionments

Finance Committee Update

As we have just experienced the Easter season, we see how generosity truly does begin with God. He gave us the ultimate gift – His son. We honor God with our resources. Our time - Our talent - Our tithes - Our worship

While we have not been able to pay apportionments or hire a full or part time Christian Educator, we are thankful that we did have enough money to pay for utilities and snow removal in a very cold winter. We are also thankful for the Tuesday group that works tirelessly to complete needed projects to keep our windows sealed, pipes unfrozen and plaster repaired in efforts to keep our utilities as cost efficient as possible.

We have abundance. We are grateful.

Wish List:

- Christmas Wreaths for LOFT need to be freshened. Someone with a creative talent could breathe life in them.
- LOFT WINDOW Decorator for May, June, July

Become: Christian Education



Sunday Small Groups

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

May 5 Jerry Baum was head of the South Dakota state highway patrol

May 12 Terri Elliot with NAOMI

May 19

May 26 Memorial Day—No Class

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. We are studying the book A Disciple's Path.

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.



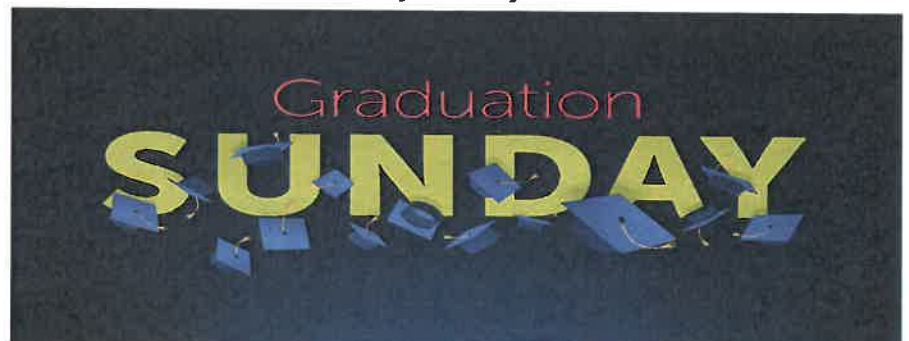
Save the Date

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

Graduation Sunday

May 19 at 9:00 am

Please send baby and graduation picture to pastor@umcburl.org
by May 5.



Fair Trade

The Loving Opportunities Fair Trade Market, better known as the LOFT Market, is five years old! To celebrate this milestone, the Loft Market will be having a special celebration on Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15. As always, you are invited to visit the Loft Market to help mark this happy occasion.

The Loft Market continues to sell goods produced by artisans and farmers in developing nations. This ministry enables poor families to be uplifted through the dignity of their own labor because they receive a fair, living wage for their work.

The workers at the Loft Market are the first friendly faces of our church for many people in our community and for those making a trip to Burlington. Inquiries about our church and Loft event rentals have been initiated by a visit to our store.

Because a dedicated group of volunteers donate their time as our sales clerks, the Loft Market expenses are low, and it is able to accumulate a surplus of funds.

Twice a year the Fair Trade Committee designates its surplus funds to various ministries and services. Once a year these go to local services in our community; the other time monetary gifts are given to ministries farther afield.

In April three thousand dollars in donations were given to local causes. These ministries are as follows: Bridges Out of Poverty—\$1,000.00, Southeast Iowa Food Pantry—\$500.00, Burlington Public Library Summer Reading Program—\$250.00, South Hill Neighborhood Free Swim Day—\$550.00, and the Burlington Homeless Shelter—\$700.00 (to be used for bowls for their fall soup supper fundraiser).

If you would like to be a part of this gentle, ongoing ministry, please contact the church office.



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.

Gift Certificates make great Mother's Day gifts.

If you would like to volunteer at the LOFT Market, please contact Cheryl Jones. 572-5914

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.



Missions

Serve: Mission

Mission means showing God's love by being His hands and feet both near and far.

Flooding continues along the Missouri River, bringing with it the destruction of homes, churches, businesses, and farmland for thousands of lowans and their neighbors in Nebraska. What to do next and how to pick up the pieces brings its own heartaches.

We know first hand what such severe flooding is like. The people at the United Methodist Church in Hornick are experiencing this severe devastation now.

If you are able to help with their reparations through our church, a memo of Hornick Flooding can be put on your love gift offering. One of the blessings of our connectional church is its ability to show those whom we do not know far away that we care for them.

Our church will be responsible for serving the entree along with other duties for the May End of the Month Meal at Grace UMC on Thursday, May 30th. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex at the beginning of May for people to sign up for to make food and to serve the meal. The menu will be sloppy joes and buns, green beans with bacon, potato chips, and applesauce. Your kind help is appreciated!

Ingathering will be Saturday, November 2nd, in Mt. Pleasant. Once again First United Methodist will be gathering items to pack school kits. These items will be sent to Midwest Mission near Springfield, Illinois, to be distributed.

Wonderful seamstresses who are able to make the cloth bags are needed for this all church project! The pattern for these bags is a bit different than for the previous bags. So, if your bag is sewing, please find the new pattern in the Mission mailbox at the church office or go to www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects/patterns to find it.

Contents for the school kits will be listed next month!

Thank you to the Balcony Dwellers who made and served goulash, lettuce salad, French bread, and dessert to the Bridges Out of Poverty class on Tuesday, April second.

The Life and Laughter Sunday School class will be serving the May Bridges Out of Poverty Meal on Tuesday, May 7, and the Fair Trade Committee will be serving the June 4th meal.

Doing a mission project can mean taking a little trip. Plans are starting to be made for two mini Mission events for this summer!

Because our church is blessed with an active group of tweens and teens! Youth who are third grade age and up, their parents, and other interested adults are invited to participate in a TAKE AWAY HUNGER activity at Messiah Lutheran Church in Burlington on Saturday, August 17th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will be packing ten boxes of nutritious food items that will be shipped overseas to starving people.

Bidwell-Riverside is a United Methodist outreach to the poor in Des Moines. At their east side location, there is a food outlet for the hungry and a free clothing distribution for needy families. We will be unpacking donated items, stocking shelves, and helping shoppers. Everyone is invited to go on this road trip to Des Moines! The date for this activity has not yet been determined, but watch for it in the next Tidings.



UMW MEETING REMINDERS....

Wednesdays:

8:45 am - Quilters at the Loft

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

May 3- May Friendship Day

The UMW Executive Board will meet on May 13 at 3:15.

Miriam Circle- May 20- 7pm Wendy Zick is Hostess and Co -hostess Carolyn Nelson Program: Janet Schupback

Sarah Circle May 20 (9 am) Hostess, devotions and Program Janet Armstrong.

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

Looking for a new way to pray? Try the Pray as you Go App. It is great to use while walking. Music changes each week. The calming voice gives you time to ponder and listen.



Gym Update

The team as been faithful working on the gym. The subfloor is expected to arrive July 22. Soon we will making a call to help with drywall. Whoot Whoot! Thanks team.



Scott and Cindy Spear	May 02
Jeremy and Chris Murphy	May 22
Carl and Heather Brueck	May 23
Jerry and Debra Jochims	May 27
Ann and Rich Thompson	May 28
Lisa and Bryan Hill	May 29



T.K. Ford	May 1
Chuck Siekman	May 1
Margaret Wozniak	May 1
Andrea Hartman	May 2
Bonnie Kendell	May 4
Chase Williams	May 4
Benjamin Cone	May 11
Kahri Plein	May 11
Allysa Starbuck	May 11
Sandie Bickel	May 13
Jim Adams	May 16
Cindy Brown	May 17
Jamie Smith	May 17
Celeste Kobliska	May 18
Robert Cameron	May 19
Jo Williams	May 19
Ross Cone	May 20
Keith Larson	May 20
Patty Neal	May 20
John Jaeger	May 22
Dee Alberts	May 24
Joyce Corder	May 28
John Schulz	May 29
Evan Heubner	May 30



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7:30am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Sunday 1:30pm - Event 6pm - Puppets</p>	<p>29 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges</p>	<p>30 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges 6:30pm - Treble Clef</p>	<p>1 8am - Abraham Men's 8:45am - Quilter's 5:30pm - Ad Council 6pm - Griefshare 6:30pm - Inspiration</p>	<p>2 National Day of Prayer 9am - Card Playing</p>	<p>3 6pm - Event</p>	<p>4 6pm - Cotillion</p>
<p>7:30am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Sunday 1pm - Event</p>	<p>6 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges 6:30pm - Treble Clef</p>	<p>7 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges 6:30pm - Treble Clef</p>	<p>8 8am - Abraham Men's 8:45am - Quilter's 6pm - Griefshare 6:30pm - Inspiration</p>	<p>9 9am - Card Playing</p>	<p>10 9am - Foster Class 5pm - event</p>	<p>11 9am - Foster Class 5pm - event</p>
<p>7:30am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Sunday</p>	<p>13 3:15pm - UMW Exec. 5:30pm - Finance Cmte 7pm - Endowment</p>	<p>14 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges 6:30pm - Mission 7pm - Trustees</p>	<p>15 8am - Abraham Men's 8:45am - Quilter's 12pm - Lunchtime 6pm - Griefshare 6:30pm - Inspiration</p>	<p>16 9am - Card Playing 3:30pm - Fair Trade 6pm - SPRC 7pm - Ad Council</p>	<p>17 4pm - Grad Party-Event</p>	<p>18 5pm - Event</p>
<p>7:30am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Sunday 11am - Grad Part Event 2pm - Event</p>	<p>20 9:30am - Sarah Circle 12pm - PEO -Loft 2 7pm - Miriam Circle</p>	<p>21 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges</p>	<p>22 8am - Abraham Men's 8:45am - Quilter's 6pm - Griefshare 6:30pm - Inspiration</p>	<p>23 9am - Card Playing</p>	<p>24 6pm - Event</p>	<p>25 Snake Alley</p>
<p>7:30am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Sunday 12:30pm - Grad Party-</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day Office</p>	<p>28 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges</p>	<p>29 8am - Abraham Men's 8:45am - Quilter's 11:30am - Loft 2-Event 6pm - Griefshare 6:30pm - Inspiration</p>	<p>30 9am - Card Playing</p>	<p>31 Decorate 2nd 6pm - Event</p>	<p>1 Reception 2nd</p>

Volunteers Needed

Summer Volunteering



Our Summer has several opportunities to fellowship through volunteering. Due to the number of activities, we are recruiting NOW.

June 16 Snake Alley Lemonade Stand

July 15-19 Vacation Bible School

July 26 RAGBRAI

Summer Special Music

The RAGBRAI meal will only happen if we volunteers signed up early, to ensure we have enough help. Funding from the RAGBRAI meal will be given for student scholarships with the United Methodist Men and the sanctuary plaster repair project.

Sign Up Sheets are located in the Narthex and Church Office. Please help by volunteering



Summer Special Music

Our choirs take a summer rest. We are looking for 14 weeks of music. Please let Jackie, the administrative assistant, know if you or your child is interested in Summer Special Music. Our goal is to have the summer music schedule completed by May 15. 754-8421

Bridges out of Poverty Teammates needed

Bridges out of Poverty has a real significant need for teammates or small group leaders. Someone to be an encourager alongside a new graduate(s). Today, we need more than TWELVE teammates.

As a teammate, we are expecting you to each month attend the Staying Ahead meeting (first Tuesday of the month), take the initiative in contacting graduate as you do something once a month and communicate bi-monthly with Staying Ahead Coordinator - who happens to be Pastor Melisa.

Please contact Pastor Melisa with your interest.
pastor@umcburl.org 929.3281

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Puppets of Praise
May 5 9:00 am
Graduation Sunday
May 19 9:00 am

