



# Tidings



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



Trinity Lutheran  
Church

Joins us in worship  
June 9

Time to Register

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



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  
6:15, 7:15 or 8:15

Friends in Christ,

Thank you for everything. The meatloaf dinner was great. Sharing a meal with folks who were there to support us at such a difficult time was such a comfort. And that is not to say anything, that you organized the meatloaf dinner as a fund raiser. Thank you, It total we deposited \$3,795.00 into our maintenance and reserve account. Thank you. There is no doubt the funds will be helpful to move ahead and again thank you. What has been invaluable is the parable you all lived out April 12. Jesus always goes around telling us to lose our lives: but the truth is , that's not easy for us to do. Well, on March 16 we had no choice. The life we had been going along in, was lost. At the meatloaf dinner, though, we learned all over again our promises behind Jesus's words. When, we lose our own lives, we find our future has been hidden in Jesus' life all over again. You showed us that when we are helpless, Jesus is there for us. That night, you were Christ showing up and giving his future to us when we lost our lives. Thank you.

We look forward to continuing to build a relation with you all, and offer prayers of thanksgiving for all in this hard time.

I thank God every time I remember you all (Philippians 1:3)

Pastor Ryan and members of Trinity.

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**Traditional Worship**  
Sundays 9:00 am

**Education Hour**  
Sundays 10:10 am

**Children's Wednesday Night**  
resumes in September  
Meal, Lesson, Music, Games  
5:30-7:00 pm—Resumes September

**LOFT**  
416 Jefferson St.  
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

**Custodians:** Tim Votaw, Matt Burns

**Summer Ministry Intern**  
Lucy Cockrell  
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**Childcare Providers:**  
Abby Peters



After a year vacation, Tim Ahern will be returning to FUMC in September to join us once again in worship and fellowship. He will step back in to lead congregational singing and direct the chancel choir. He will also be visiting those in our congregation at are ill or homebound, and in nursing homes.

Dr. Tim is enjoying his second retirement phase, continuing to work at the Burlington Sears store, tuning pianos, mowing his huge yard, and performing in the tri-state area. "I am honored to once again be a part of the FUMC family. My goal is to advance the already rich musical traditions of our church and to maintain its important contribution to the spiritual life of the community."

Hello everyone! My name is Lucy Cockrell and I have been selected to serve as a Ministry Intern for the summer of 2019. I plan to spend a large amount of time preparing to coordinate Vacation Bible School this July, encouraging local youth missions, and also being available to help with whatever is thrown my way. I also plan to help prepare the Christian Education staff for the fall, when I will leave to attend Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, to pursue a degree in English Education. At the end of June I will travel to the Simpson College campus for 10 days and attend the Simpson Youth Academy as part of my internship. This will be a wonderful time for me to grow in my worship experience and faith while also being able to participate in missions around the Des Moines area. I am so blessed to get this opportunity and cannot wait to get to work this summer!



**Nursery  
Position  
Opening**

**Sunday  
Mornings  
Wednesday**

**Evenings, VBS, Special Events. Please contact Pastor Melisa if you are interested or know of someone who would be great! [pastor@umcburl.org](mailto:pastor@umcburl.org) 319.929.3281.**

## June Worship Leaders

	June 2 Romans 6:1-14	June 9 Romans 8:14-39	June 16 Romans 8:14-39	June 23 Psalms 40:1-10	June 30 Psalm 27:1-16
Greeter, Usher	Jed Cone Family	Dave/Barb Miller	Ryan Freitag Family	Chris/Charlene Robbins	Chris/Brenda Almack
Liturgist	Jeff Schulz		Carson/Olivia	Gary Neff	Chris Almack
Acolyte 9:00	Ben		Carson/Olivia	Tafton Kids	Davis Kids
Children's sermon	Rachel Yochum	Andree Halden	Lucy Cockrell	Melanie Sullivan	Jerry Ridgon
JUMP			Lucy	Cindy Brown	Fentons
Fellowship Time	Barb and Jim Evans	Bruce and Sue Dichraff	Rohit and Savannah Bhawle	Barb and Jim Evans	Gloria Jewett
Altar Flowers	Ron Ibis	Bob and Judy Adams	John and Patty Jaeger	Thomas Schnirring	OEN

**June 26**– Prayer Shawl Makers will meet in Loft One from 10 Am to 11 Am.

*faith and finances*

### Financial Numbers as of May 25, 2019

Budgeted Income \$131,216.13 Giving Income \$ 117,729.47 plus LOFT Income \$10,532 Total Income \$127,961.47  
Budgeted Expenses \$143,507 Actual Expenses \$106,361.61 We are not current on apportionments

### Finance Committee Update

As Spring turns into Summer, we are excited to witness God's goodness. July is packed full of adventure with VBS, RAGBRAI, gym floor, summer intern, events, and vintage market. Please remember to continue to faithfully give your time, talent, gifts, service and witness. Without your support, we are unable to be our best or touch lives in our corner of the Kingdom.

Thank you for your ministry as we continue with abundance. We are grateful.



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Although our waters were high, they were not as devastating as in other places. Flood relief is still front and center for our brothers and sisters in western Iowa. If you remember what this devastation is like and are able to donate funds to help those in the Hornick, Iowa, please put this in the memo of your offering.

RAGBRAI pie making dates: May 29 and June 3 & 4. Please contact Mary Taeger if you are available to help make pies 572-0115. Pie fillings needed are 20 cans of each: Cherry, Apple, Blueberry, Peach, Large boxes of raisins. If anyone has a large freezer to loan, please let Marilyn Lancaster know 759-2321.



# Become: Christian Education



## Sunday Small Groups

**Life and Laughter Sunday School Class** in the Choir Room at 10:10 am facilitated by June 2 with Melinda Bickel  
The rest of the summer we will be on break.

**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**, on summer break.

**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.

In recent weeks, I've been asked where my position on the United Methodist Church's position on human sexuality. A few have felt frustration that I haven't stated my position. Yet, in declaring my position here—it seems to me—that I will be picking a side. Declaring one side over the other will not promote unity but cause great hurt.

For decades I have said—wouldn't it be great if we could take all the time and passion from this one issue and focus it into helping the stranger, advocating for the lost, visiting the widow, and making a way for the modern day orphans (of which I have three).

While our greater church structure continues to struggle, in our corner of the Kingdom, we strive to reach lives for Christ. One of the radical ways reaching people is through Bridges out of Poverty. Connecting with people where are, sitting with them, and encouraging families along a journey of overcoming barriers. The listening without judgment is not easy. Being with another from a different worldview opens our eyes to struggles.

How can you help? Be a difference maker? I'm so glad you asked. Beyond helping with the meal on the first Tuesday of the month, child care is needed as these kiddos work in the Pathos curriculum overcoming emotional triggers. Being a teammate—an encourager for a graduate—is needed. Yet, we have found being a small group leader is easier to create connections than teammates.

We are called to be with people. Often we try doing things to people or for people—Bridges encourages us to be with people. Similar to the United Methodist Women Video with; (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49f2TKWS0DY>) our calling is to be with people as they overcome, backslide, conquer, and encourager. Romans 12:13 <sup>13</sup>When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Join me on this important journey, Rev. Melisa BW

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 Father's Day gifts.**

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

The Loving Opportunities Fair Trade Market, or Loft Market, is celebrating five years of ministry with producers in 36 countries and with the Burlington community!

The Loft Market serves artisans and farmers in developing nations by providing a market for their goods, paying a fair living wage through fair trade distributors. These producers are then able to build homes and schools, dig wells, send their children to school, and provide better living standards for their families.

The people of Burlington are provided with an opportunity to serve others since the gifts they buy give in three ways: to the gift recipient, to the producer, and to each buyer who receives the intrinsic knowledge that she is helping someone far away to prosper.

To celebrate our fifth birthday, the Loft Market will be offering 20% off any total purchase of \$20.00 or more on Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15.

Please come and celebrate this ministry for God's children!



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.



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Thank you to the Life and Laughter Sunday School class for serving the May 7th Bridges Out of Poverty meal! Your nourishing food and compassionate service to the people who are learning to become better citizens are appreciated by the students and our whole community.

Below is the schedule for serving the Bridges meals for the coming months.

- June 4: Fair Trade Volunteers
- July 2: 11:11 Sunday School Class—picnic in the park
- Aug. 6: Bell Choir
- Sept. 3: Mission Committee
- Oct. 1: Balcony Dwellers

Each June we publish the list of congregation members who are unable to join us for worship.

Did we miss someone? Please call the church office—754-8421 We want to provide care to all.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LOCATION	ROOM/ADDRESS	
Moehlman	Mary	Wapello	26	601 US -61 Wapello 52653
Twyman	Lettie	Danville	106	401 S Birch St Danville, 52623
Gerdner	Helen	Blair House	315	1212 Indian Hills Dr, Burlington, IA 52601
Rowley	Ruth	Blair House	314	
Brehm	Alberta	Klein	306	2610 S 5th St Burlington
Dall	Nancy	Klein Center	319	1307 South Gear Ave West Burlington, IA 52655
Harris	Joyce	Klein Center	316	
Hueschen	Darlene	Klein Center	203	
Schmeiser	Dorothy	Prairie Ridge	115	
Devore	Bob	Sunnybrook	510	5175 West Ave, Burlington, IA 52601
Fausel	Trena	Sunnybrook	412	
Grinde	Mary Ann	Sunnybrook	203	
Kacena	Carolyn	Sunnybrook	208	
Lloyd	Marilyn	Sunnybrook	503	
Schnirring	Tom	Sunnybrook	417	

Melba Davilla a long time resident of Burlington is turning 95 and would love a card shower. Her address is : 235 North Mill Street Denver Iowa 50622 Her phone number is 309 313 4399



## UMW MEETING REMINDERS....

### Wednesdays:

8:45 am - Quilters at the Loft

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

June 8-11 Iowa Annual Conference-Des Moines

June 9- UMW gathering at Annual Conference

The UMW Executive Board will not meet in June.

June 23- Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 30- Unit Reading Program

June 30- Mission Today and Mission Study Reports

Miriam Circle- June 17- 7pm at The Loft Claudine is Hostess and Co -hostess Wendy Zick Program: Marilyn Lancaster

Sarah Circle- Will not meet June, July or August.

**\*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.



### Wish List:

- Christmas Wreaths for LOFT need to be freshened. Someone with a creative talent could breathe life in them.
- Duster—Volunteer to pop in once a month to dust the LOFT first floor



Lisa and Paul Babcock	June 2
Gary and Tammy Davis	June 2
John and Margaret Wozinak	June 3
Mandy and David Trafton	June 4
George and Velma Johnson	June 5
Rodger and Geneva McWhirter	June 5
Charles and Vera Anderson	June 7
Joe and Jane Weingart	June 10
Ed and Lois Fort	June 11
Barry and Andree Halden	June 11
Melanie and Joe Sullivan	June 12
Bob and Judy Adams	June 13
Jim and Barb Evans	June 15
John and Roxy Riessen	June 20
Bill and Linda Pilger	June 22
Ann and David Ure	June 23



John Cavanah	June 1
Amy O'Brien	June 1
Ethan Zaiser	June 1
Christine Ray	June 2
Stephen Trafton	June 6
Heather Brueck	June 4
Jim Olsson	June 4
Ron Nelson	June 5
Christopher Campbell	June 6
Kara Jameson	June 6
Taran Nelson	June 7
Shelby Trafton	June 7
William Almack	June 8
Larry Crabtree	June 9
Don Current	June 9
Dudley Cone	June 11
Helen Gerdner	June 11
Jessica Davis	June 13
Sarah Siwinski	June 14
Janet Brissey	June 15
Mark Taylor	June 15
Landon Wynn	June 15
Lexi Wynn	June 15
Marion Bennett	June 16
Melba Davilla	June 16
Nicholas Hagen	June 17
Tammy Davis	June 18
Jim Massengarb	June 18
Joan Larson	June 19
Julie Seibert	June 21
Carol Zaiser	June 21
Davis Parker	June 22
Dana Williams	June 22
Lynn Egan	June 24
Andrea Hartman	June 24
Duane Hartman	June 24
Ed Fort	June 24
Tim Seibert	June 25
John Almack	June 27
Cooper Crose	June 29
Kay Hagen	June 29
Lisa Babcock	June 30
Landon Wells-Carter	June 30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Sunday 12:30pm - Grad Party-	26 Memorial Day Office 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges	27 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges	28 8am - Abraham Men's 8:45am - Quilters 11:30am - Loft 2-Event 6pm - Griefshare	29 9am - Card Playing	30 Decorate 2nd 6pm - Event	31 Reception 2nd 10am - Knitters
8am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Sunday	2 Pie Making Summer Ministry 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges	3 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges	4 8am - Abraham Men's 8:45am - Quilters	5 9am - Card Playing	6 Annual Conference	7 11am - Loft 1 Event
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9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Sunday	16 Kitchen Construction 7pm - Miriam Circle	17 9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges 5:30pm - Event 7pm - Finance Cmte	18 8am - Abraham Men's 8:45am - Quilters 12:15pm - Chamber	19 9am - Card Playing 3:30pm - Fair Trade 5:30pm - Event 6pm - SPPRC 7pm - Ad Council	20 2pm - Loft One	21 2pm - Loft One
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# Serve: Mission

**You are invited to a day long, mini-mission trip to serve at Bidwell-Riverside on Thursday, June 27!** Bidwell-Riverside, a United Methodist Church outreach center in Des Moines, is the highest-serving food pantry in Iowa. It provides food and clothing to an average of 4,000 individuals a month. After an orientation which gives an overview and tour of the facility, our volunteer opportunities may include welcoming families to the pantry and guiding them in their grocery or clothing selections, sorting, hanging, and organizing clothing and household donations, or stocking grocery shelves. We will be leaving at 7:00 a.m. from the Penneys end of the mall parking lot and arriving at Bidwell-Riverside at 10:00. We will work until 1:00 and then go out for a late lunch at a local restaurant. Following our meal, we will be driving home. If you are interested in going, please contact Ann Ure at [annlucilleure@gmail.com](mailto:annlucilleure@gmail.com).

Compassion is a learned, not innate, emotion in children that needs to be nurtured by caring adults. Our church is blessed with many caring adults, willing to help others in many ways. On **Saturday, August 17, our third grade and older youth are especially invited to "Take Away Hunger"** at Messiah Lutheran church from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Bags of nutritional food items will be packed and sent in ten boxes for hungry, needy people in developing nations. Parents, and all ages who are willing to serve and help, are welcome to participate with our youth to make this an opportunity for families to build compassion for the needy as a positive part of our nuclear and church family life. Please contact Ann Ure at [annlucilleure@gmail.com](mailto:annlucilleure@gmail.com) if you would like to serve.

Ingathering will be Saturday morning, 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. Do not tell students and teachers who are just finishing the school year now, but school supplies will be going on sale in two months! This means that FUMC can begin packing school supply kits soon. As promised last month, here is the list of items to pack into our student school kits.

- 3 notebooks—1 subject spiral 8"x10 1/2"
- 1 pencil eraser, 2" or larger
- 1 pair of student round tip scissors
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 ruler, 12" long with metric
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 1 box of 24 crayons 6 unsharpened pencils

Seamstresses who would like to make cloth bags for the school kits can find the pattern for it in the Mission mailbox in the Loft office. NOTE the pattern has changed. Other kits that are available for individuals, families, or groups to make include layette kits, birthing kits, feminine hygiene kits, and hygiene kits.

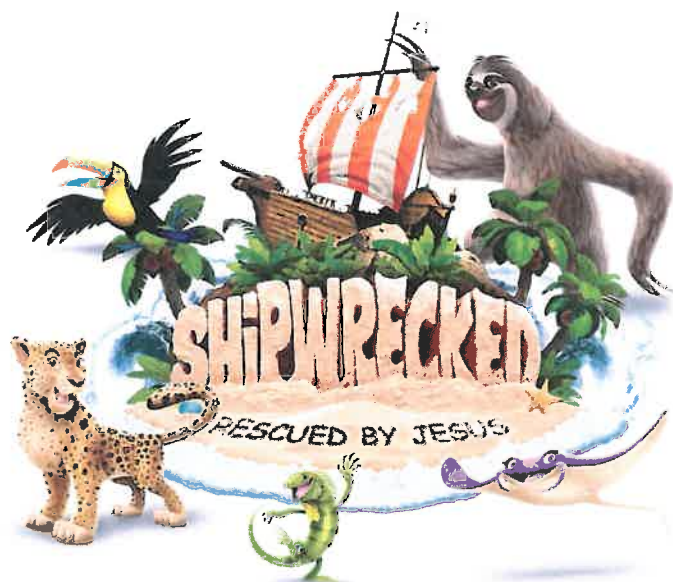
Another less well known aspect of Ingathering is that there is both a bazaar sale and quilt auction! If you make handmade bazaar items of outstanding quality or if you bake yummy baked good items, these items can be donated and credited to FUMC as part of our church offering. Donated quilts are displayed preceding the quilt auction. These beautiful artisan items are the highlighted feature of Ingathering. If you are willing to donate a quilt, your kind gift will be credited to our church. Please see Ann Ure for more information.

Jenny Gallagher has been finding more and more grocery items in the shopping cart! Summer can be a difficult time for families since children are not in school to receive free lunches. Please keep our devoted helper busy this summer taking food to the local food pantry. Protein items, such as canned tuna or chicken, and paper items are always in demand. Thank you for thinking of others as you shop!

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