



Tidings



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

Ingathering

The stores have started their Back-to-School sales!

Our congregation is working together as a team to pack school kits for Ingathering which will be Saturday morning, November 2nd, in Mt. Pleasant. These items will be sent to Midwest Mission near Springfield, Illinois, to be distributed to children in need.

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

School Kits

Two boxes, one at the back of the narthex of the church and the other in the church office of the Loft, are available in which to put your donated items.

If you are able to sew bags for packing these items, the pattern is in the Mission mailbox in the office. Part of the annual Ingathering has been a Bazaar featuring homemade crafts and baked goods. If you would like to donate any items for this, please contact a Missions Committee member.



At the time of printing the Tidings (early due to RAGBRAI), we are praying for a fantastic event. The weeks of July 15-26 we have several hands on deck from VBS to gym to RAGBRAI workers.

Vacation Bible School 2019 was an absolute blast and a great success! Our theme of 'Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus' offered a reassuring verse each night that reminded us when we are in need, Jesus indeed rescues. And with **over 50 kids** registered, our week was even more engaging! It was so amazing to see how much fun not only the kids were having, but also the adults! From water games and musical abilities to imagination stations and cozy bible lessons, the fun seemed to go on and on, with a recurring reminder that when we struggle, worry, do wrong, or feel powerless, Jesus rescues! I am so pleased with all the amazing people who helped in every way possible, from donating supplies to teaching, to serving dinner. This week would not have been so successful had it not been for everyone's help.

Thanks for a great VBS!! Lucy Cockrell



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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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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

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August is just around the corner. August brings with it surgery to remove the remaining cancer. Updates will continue on <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/melisabracht-wagner>.

This article is written prior to seeing the surgeon on July 23. However, we are guessing around six weeks for recovery. Please continue to support worship with your attendance as we celebrate the Risen Lord and Savior. Our ability to hire a Christian Educator will be based on our profit and loss sheet at the end of August. Thank you for all you do in our corner of the Kingdom .

Rev. Melisa BW

Preacher August 11—Ken Royar

Ken was the intern pastor during the spring of 2008, one year following the fire. His sermon title is "What's it all about?" Pati Toops reports: "Pastor Ken Royer holds a special spot in my (our) heart. He baptized Justin (middle child) as an infant when we were part of the Keokuk Trinity United Methodist church. He and his wife Gail, were such a fun loving addition to our church family at that time. Pastor Ken always had a way of making things better, happier just with his presence and he always had warm fuzzes to share. (you have to ask me for details and I'll share the story about warm fuzzes). "



Preacher August 18—Mike Orthel

Mike was the pastor during the rebuild of the church from arson for six years. He guided the congregation through the wilderness while worshiping at Grace UMC.

Chris Robbins and Gary Richards's band will guide our worship on August 25. This musical team plays at numerous gigs throughout our area. We are excited to have them back with us in worship.



September 1 will be our own Jerry Rigdon, will guide us as we celebrate communion.

September 9 Puppets of Praise are BACK!!

August Worship Leaders

	Aug 4 Hebrew 9:1-14	Aug 11 Hebrews 1:1-16	Aug 18 Deut 5:12-15, Matthew 11:28-30	Aug 25 Gen 2:1-3 John 15:9-15
Greeter, Usher	David and Ann Ure	Hemphills	Janet Armstrong	Bev and Chuck Siekman
Liturgist	Jim Priebe	Katie Taylor	Don Lofgren	Barb Evans
Acolyte 9:00	Traftons	Katie Taylor	Norah	Rachel
Children's sermon	Melanie Sullivan	Andree Halden	Jerry Rigdon	Cindy Seibert
JUMP	Kahri Plein	Janet Brissey	Lucy	Fentons
Fellowship Time	Patty and Laverne Neal	Bruce and Sue Dichraff	Rohit & Savannah Bhawle	Barb and Jim Evans
Altar Flowers	Jim and Mary Priebe	Jerry and Wendy Zick	Jeremy, Chris, Ross, Ilianna, Isabella Murphy	Chuck and Bev Siekman

faith and finances

Financial Numbers as of July 24, 2019

Budgeted Income \$185,328.23 Giving Income \$154,328.23 plus LOFT Income Total Income \$15,056.45
 Budgeted Expenses \$203,056 Actual Expenses \$147,494.94

We have paid \$1,100 of \$22,351 in apportionments to date. Our current payroll expenses are \$96,720, however, we have budgeted 119,522 for the same time period. Our hope is giving will remain strong in August allowing us the flexibility and confidence to hire a part time Christian Education Director.



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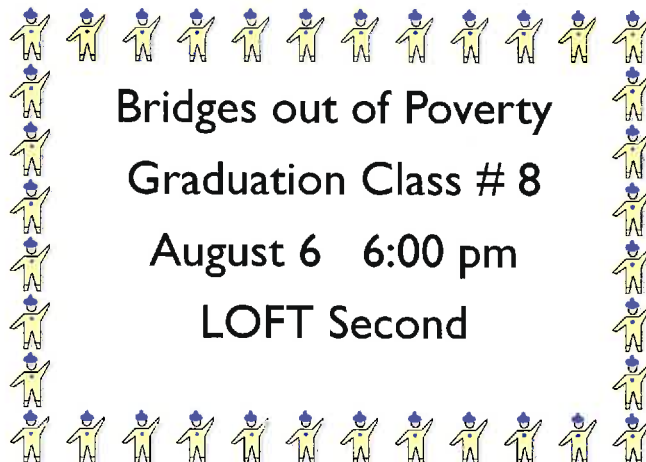
Meet & Greet

July 30 5:30-7:00 pm

Join us for a meal followed by informational gathering about becoming a Bridges out of Poverty Teammate.



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 and 4 small group leaders.



**Bridges out of Poverty
 Graduation Class # 8
 August 6 6:00 pm
 LOFT Second**

Hosted at the LOFT 416 Jefferson, Burlington
 Questions: Melisa 319.754.8421 pastor@umcburl.org

Serve: Mission Corner

Mission Trip Report

Bidwell-Riverside is the largest volume food pantry in Iowa, a clothing distribution center, a non-profit child development center, and an ardent servant to the needy. It is affiliated with the United Methodist Church, started by the United Methodist Women in 1893, and served 16,000+ people in 2018.

On Thursday, June 27 seven members of First United Methodist Church traveled three hours to volunteer at their food pantry and clothing distribution center, located in southeast Des Moines. Cindy Seibert, Tom Schnirring,

Marek Patejak, Emily Cone, Haley Cone, Dave Ure, and Ann Ure met with Mike and JoAnn Orthel at the nearby Hy-Vee Deli for lunch and then traveled to the Hartford Street location.

For three hours, cans of veggies and fruit, packages of dried beans, jars of peanut butter, and other non-perishables were stocked and then restocked by some of the group as clients of Bidwell-Riverside came and loaded their carts with healthy, nutritious foods. At the same time, others in the group unpacked donated bags of clothing, put the items on hangers, and hung the clothes in the center's free clothing distribution space.

And one of the group demonstrated her splendid ability to do the splits!

When all was said and done, everyone had a good time, serving God by serving the needy! The Mission Committee wants this activity to be a regular event so be watching for our next trip to be scheduled.

And you don't have to do the splits to go!



Take Away Hunger

Have you ever wanted to do a mission trip but not wanted to go far from home? Have you ever wanted to help others but wondered if your skill set would be helpful?

Now you can!!

Our church will be doing a mini mission event on Saturday, August 17 from 10 to 11 a.m. We will be filling nutritious food items into bags which will be sent to hungry, needy people overseas. The Take Away Hunger mission event will be at Messiah Lutheran Church at 2411 West Avenue.

Many helpful hands, working in an assembly line fashion, can feed the hungry, as Jesus asked us to do.

Please join a multi-generational group for one hour to serve others and maybe have a little fun! Questions? Contact a Missions Committee member.

Crop Hunger Walk

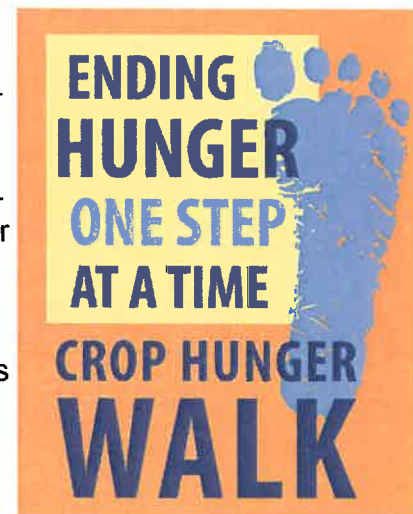
CROP Hunger Walk is a community-wide event organized by the churches in Burlington through Church World Services to raise funds to end hunger in Burlington, in the U.S, and in the world.

Each year, Tim Votaw leads a group of hearty walkers from First United Methodist Church on their choice of a 1 mile, 3 mile, or 6 mile trek around Burlington, on a Sunday afternoon walk in the fall. Sponsorships and donations for Crop Walk are solicited in the month before the event.

You are invited to participate!

By walking or sponsoring walkers, you can help end hunger. One fourth of all the funds raised stay in our community while the rest is distributed to programs for the hungry in our country and our world.

CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 13! Registration at 1:00 P.M. Mark it on your calendar!



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

Puppets start in **August**, details to **come**. Puppets are open for 3rd grade to adult. Practice is on the third floor of the LOFT. Andrea Walt Hartman 759-4592.



First performance is September 9



2019's Paint-A-Thon will soon be here! If anyone wishes to participate- please contact Sue Stauffacher at #319-753-9848 or #319-601-9300 and leave a message. Names have to be turned in by August 1st.

Bridges Out of Poverty

A big thank you goes out to the 11:11 Sunday School class which served the July Bridges Out of Poverty meal on Tuesday, July 2. The group had a picnic in the park with lots of summer fun and fellowship.

The schedule for future Bridges' meals is listed below.

- Aug. 6: Bell Choir
- Sept. 3: Brunch Bunch Sunday School Class
- Oct. 1: Choir
- Nov. 5: Mission Committee
- Dec. 3: Balcony Dwellers
- Jan. 7: Life and Laughter Sunday School Class
- Feb. 4: Fair Trade
- Mar. 3: 11:11 Sunday School Class



The Loft Market feature for August— Pottery 10% off!



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:

Sarah Circle— Will not meet June, July or August.
Miriam Circle— Third Monday at 7:00 August 19



The Smile Corner

Two buddies Chris and John were two of the biggest baseball fans in America. For their entire adult lives, Chris and John discussed baseball history in the

winter and they went over every score during the season.

They even agreed that whoever died first would try to come back and tell the other if there was baseball in heaven.

One summer night, Chris passed away in his sleep after watching the Yankee victory earlier in the evening. He died happy. A few nights later, his buddy John awoke to the sound of Chris's voice from beyond. "Chris is that you?" John asked. "Of course it's me," Chris replied.

"This is unbelievable!" John exclaimed. "So tell me, is there baseball in heaven?"

"Well I have some good news and some bad news for you. Which do you want to hear first?"

"Well, the good news is that, yes, there is baseball in heaven, John."

"Oh, that is wonderful! So what could possibly be the bad news?"

"You're pitching tomorrow night."



Chuck and Beverly Siekman	08/02 60 years!!
Jerry and Lois Rigdon	08/07
Jerry and Wendy Zick	08/07
Gerald and Marilyn Lancaster	08/08
Larry and Sarah Crabtree	08/12
Greg and Denise Johnson	08/12
David and Barb Miller	08/22
James and Mary Priebe	08/22
Christopher and Jackie Campbell	08/23
Ryan and Shauna Freitag	08/26
David and Amy Camp	08/29



Macey Crose	08/01
Keaton Hoschek	08/02
Linda Pilger	08/02
Shelia Glaspie	08/03
Tom Schnirring	08/03
Taden Jameson	08/04
Derek Lomas	08/05
Ross Alexander	08/06
Cleo Babcock	08/06
Jessica Kendall	08/06
Margaret Orr	08/06
Geneva McWhirter	08/07
David Trafton	08/07
Aeva Babcock	08/08
Mary Moehlman	08/08
Dick Abernathy	08/09
Gary Davis	08/11
Lincoln Freitag	08/11
Edna Gerdner	08/11
Kurt Bangert	08/14
Blake Dichraff	08/14
Mary Taeger	08/14
Lettie Twyman	08/14
Joy Witte	08/14
Duane Hendrichsen	08/16
Mallory Alter	08/17
Joseph Knight-Ford	08/18
Melodee Kennedy	08/19
Marilyn Rheinschmidt	08/19
Kamden Stotlar	08/19
Joe Sullivan	08/20
Rob Halden	08/22
Dorothy Schmeiser	08/22
Dan Sliwinski	08/24
Malachi Bracht-Wagner	08/25
Joseph Moyer	08/25
Bill Pilger	08/26
Emily Cone	08/27
Kayleigh Hartman	08/27
Ryan Freitag	08/28
Drew Wynn	08/28
Lisa Hill	08/29
Sutton Stotlar	08/29
Lieyton O'Brien	08/30
Selleck Davis	08/31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9 am - Worship Service 10:10 am - Sunday 12:30 pm - Loft Event	29 9 am - Mah Jong 5:30 pm - Bridges	30 8 am - Abraham Men's 8:45 am - Quilters	31 9 am - Card Playing	1 9 am - Card Playing	2 11 am - Loft One Event	3
4 9 am - Worship Service 10:10 am - Sunday 12:30 pm - Event 12:30 pm - Loft Event	5 Gym Floor Arrives 9 am - Mah Jong 5:30 pm - Bridges	6 8 am - Abraham Men's 8:45 am - Quilters 1 pm - Women's Bible	7 9 am - Card Playing	8 9 am - Card Playing	9 9 am - Foster Care	10
11 9 am - Worship Service 10:10 am - Sunday	12 3:15 pm - UMW Exec. 9 am - Mah Jong 11 am - PEO 5:30 pm - Bridges 6:30 pm - Mission	13 8 am - Abraham Men's 8:45 am - Quilters 1 pm - Women's Bible	14 9 am - Card Playing 3:30 pm - Fair Trade 5:30 pm - event 7 pm - Ad Council	15 9 am - Card Playing 3:30 pm - Fair Trade 5:30 pm - event 7 pm - Ad Council	16 Questor's 2nd 2 pm - Loft event 3 pm - Loft event	17
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25 9 am - Worship Service 10:10 am - Sunday	26 School Starts 9 am - Mah Jong 5:30 pm - Bridges	27 8 am - Abraham Men's 8:45 am - Quilters 1 pm - Women's Bible	28 9 am - Card Playing	29 9 am - Card Playing	30 1 pm - Event	31

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