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# Tidings



Traditional Worship 9:00 am or Live Stream with link on Facebook

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## Join the Service Opportunities

⇒ *Paint A Thon—September. Please contact  
Sue Stauffacher or church office 754-8421*

*Up to date news found in Pew News>>>*

*For congregational prayer concerns plus weekly updates, please contact  
the church office to subscribe to the **Pew News**. Call 319-754-8421.*



### Adult Sunday School Class

Adult Sunday School Classes realize that summertime often brings more travel. However, activities to stay connected through the summer will be planned and announced in the weekly Pew News. In July, the **Life and Laughter Class** will learn more about Peter's journey with Jesus using the video series, "Simon Peter" by Adam Hamilton, which takes you to the holy land. After Sunday School Class, those who wish will share lunch together at locations to be determined weekly. Everyone is invited to join them!

### Church Fun in the Sun!

Come join the Youth Ministry for an afternoon of summer fun! We will meet in the church basement and have lunch, bible time, games, outdoor fun, and a craft. **June 30th, 2021 from 11am-1pm** for pre-K to 5th Grade students. To RSVP or for questions call or text: Lucy @ (319) 850-2469. Hope to see you there!

### Fun in the Sun Youth Group

July 1st 11am-1pm 6th-8th Grade  
Enjoy a time of good food, laughing with friends, and worship! Meet in church basement Contact Lucy at 319-850-2469 for more info!

### Confirmation Parent Meeting

Confirmation Parent Meeting is scheduled for August 1st at 7:00 pm on the first floor of the LOFT. In this meeting, families will receive the confirmation schedule as well as requirements. The 2021-2022 schedule has been modified to current attendance trends while still enhancing the family participation component. If you are unable to attend, please let Pastor Melisa know at 319.929.3281. Confirmation will begin on August 15th at 7:00 pm in the LOFT third floor.

### Ingathering School Kits

In July SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL GO ON SALE!! Again this year, First United Methodist Church will be collecting school supplies so children who are unable to collect their own supplies will be prepared to go to school. The Mission Committee will be providing you with gallon zip lock bags containing a list of supplies that are needed so that you will be able to pack an entire kit. If you would like to get an early jump on the sales, here is a list of the supplies that are needed:

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

### Vacation Bible School

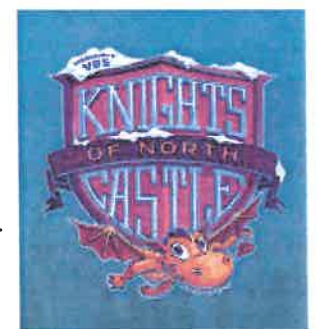
**July 19-23**

**5:30-7:30 pm**

Join us for a meal, games, Bible, crafts, and music.  
Age 3 to youth rotation leaders.

Kids learn Jesus is always with them and he rescues ....

- Day 1: Armor Up with Truth!
- Day 2: Armor Up with Justice!
- Day 3: Armor Up with Peace!
- Day 4: Armor Up with Faith!
- Day 5: Family Night



Hosted at First United Methodist Church 421 Washington, Burlington  
Questions: Sue 319.759.4884 [education@umcburl.org](mailto:education@umcburl.org)



**Celebrations >>>**

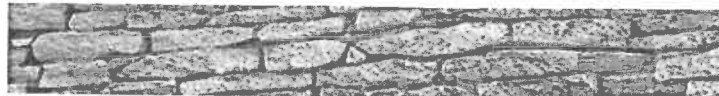
**Birthdays**

- Dan Egan 07/01
- Jeremy Murphy 07/01
- Ron Piper 07/03
- Grace Fenton 07/04
- Liza Heubner 07/04
- Alexander Taylor 07/04
- Julie Anderson 07/05
- Barb Cameron 07/05
- Audrey Cone 07/05
- Samuel Brissey 07/07
- Bruce Dichraff 07/07
- Olivia Freitag 07/07
- Bailey Hanks 07/08
- Parker Hanks 07/08
- Hannah O'Brien 07/09
- Kristi Westfall 07/11
- Lee Cone 07/12
- Sarah Crabtree 07/12
- Bob Adams 07/14
- Kylie Westfall 07/14
- Kaya Plein 07/16
- Connie Schleif 07/16
- Alizabeth Malone 07/18
- Rohit Bhawle 07/19
- Roger Ferry 07/19
- Howard Toops 07/19
- Matthew John 07/20
- Bradley Pilger 07/21
- Nancy Reighard 07/21
- Maryann Jordahl 07/22
- Rachel Oliverio 07/22
- Jerry Rigdon 07/22
- Duane Hartman 07/24
- Dawson Ferguson 07/25
- Barry Halden 07/25
- Rita Flatt 07/26
- Christian Bracht-Wagner 07/28
- Haley Cone 07/29

**Anniversaries**

- Darven & Lara Kendall 07/02
- Roger & Sue Stauffacher 07/06
- Richard & Janet Eggenberger 07/07
- John & Paulette Cavanah 07/09
- Mark & Mary Taylor 07/16
- David & Tammy Yotter 07/16
- Scott & Nina Zaiser 07/17
- Bill & Sharyn Blake 07/18
- John & Barbara Schulz 07/23
- Don & Gale Lofgren 07/25
- Jerry & Julie Anderson 07/28
- Blake & Julia Dichraff 07/28
- Tim & Tina Goodwin 07/30
- Frank & Ann Hills 07/30

**Mission Corner >>>**



Fifteen members of FUMC packed enough rice and added nutrients on Saturday June 12, to feed 2,160 people! In less than one hour our tweens through seniors worked together—scooping, bagging, passing, weighing, sealing, and packing foodstuffs that will be shipped to the hungry overseas. Thank you to all the dedicated workers who were servants for the needy!

Thank you to the Brunch Bunch Sunday School class who provided the meal for the June 22 Bridges picnic at Dankwardt Park! As you fed the hungry, your kind service and delicious food brought the community of Bridges learners together in fellowship. The choir will be providing food for the Tuesday July 6, Bridges meal.

Bidwell-Riverside Center in southeast Des Moines was the destination of seven church members who left the Westland Mall parking lot early on Wednesday morning, June 23 for a day of service. The seniors to tweens worked in the largest volume food pantry in Iowa, stocking shelves and filling grocery orders, and in the clothing distribution area, preparing clothing donations for those in need. Thank you to all who spent the day in service!

**Take Away Hunger Volunteers**



Lilly, Janet, Aila, Julie, Maggie, Carolyn, Ben, Lucy, Malachi, Edward, Sue, Tim, Amy, and with Ann taking pictures.

**United Methodist Women >>>**

**Upcoming Events-Mark your calendars!**

July 12, Monday-The United Methodist Women are sponsoring an All Church Meal and a Program for Monday July 12th on LOFT 2nd floor at 6:00 pm. Your meal will be prepared and served by the United Methodist Women, and the program will follow. Chris Lee of the Des Moines Parks and Recreation will share information about the activities and programs available at Big Hollow. Reservations are preferred and can be made at the church office (319-754-8421) or at worship Sunday mornings the next 3 weeks. Come enjoy a free evening of food, fellowship and information.

September 20, Monday-UMW are planning a church potluck for anyone who wants to bring a dish to share. Good opportunity to catch up with friends!

November 7, Sunday-UMW are planning a Harvest Celebration. This year we are planning a silent auction and a bake sale. We will be asking for items for the auction and your favorite cookies, cakes, or breads to be donated!

**More info will be coming so save the dates!**

**Events/Meetings:**

- Executive Board-None in July
- Quilters-Every Wednesday @ 8:30-12pm on 3rd LOFT
- Miriam Circle- 07/19 @ 5:30pm (Perkins Park)
- Sarah Circle- 07/26 @9:30am on 2nd LOFT



In the song, "Every Season" Nichole Nordeman invites us to look and notice God at work. Be mindful

"Every evening sky, an invitation  
To trace the patterned stars  
And early in July, a celebration  
For freedom that is ours

**And I notice You**

In children's games  
In those who watch them from the shade  
Every drop of sun is full of fun and wonder  
You are summer"

Be mindful of God's presence in your life. Though it may seem God is far away at times, God is not. God is ever present. It is easy to get so caught up in the happenings of the world – we forget to pause and look for God's presence in our lives. In these moments, try to be grateful. I have a Gratitude Journal (can be found on Amazon). This journal asks me to record three grateful things in the morning and three in the evening. One great thing about the journal is when you look back - God is very active. I can see God's activity.

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. ~  
*Psalm 62:5 ESV*

I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. ~ *Psalm 143:5 NIV*

May my meditation be pleasing to God, as I rejoice in the LORD. ~  
*Psalm 104:34 NIV*

-Rev Melisa BW

**Sunday Morning Volunteers**

- July 4 Special Music Men's Patriotic Group
- July 11 Special Music Victoria Almack Greeters/Liturgist Freitag Family
- July 18
- July 25 Special Music Chancel Choir

**Our Financial Health >>>**

Financial Numbers as of  
**June 23, 2021**

Budgeted Income	\$164,350.13
Actual Income	\$106,759.04
Event Income	\$ 11,777.19
Total Income	\$118,536.23

Budgeted Expenses	\$165,541.88
Actual Expenses	\$ 93,470.48

(With Pastor Melisa returning to full time, please help us keep current with expenses.)



\$10,000 has been paid toward the 2021 apportionment. Thank you

**Fair Trade Market >>>**

The Loving Opportunities Fair Trade Market uses the funds it makes from the sales of its fairly traded, artisan products to reinvest in additional unique stock from around the world. However, the additional profits are donated twice annually to local or international institutions who serve those in need. This spring the Fair Trade Committee donated \$700.00 to the **Burlington Domestic Abuse Shelter** to help them as they serve the vulnerable survivors of domestic violence. In their gracious thank you letter, it was cited that in 2020 the local shelter provided 988 sheltered nights with an average length of stay of 76 days. The Fair Trade Committee also donated \$700.00 to **Iowa WINS (Welcomes Immigrant Neighbors)** in Mt. Pleasant to support the immigrant families in the area. Their thank you letter expressed their appreciation of the funds which will be used to help with the food and transportation needs of the families who need both financial and emotional support. In addition, The Fair Trade Committee plans to support the Burlington Area Homeless Shelter this fall in the form of donating soup bowls for their annual soup supper fundraiser. When you shop the LOFT Market, your purchase serves to help those in need close to home as well as those far away. Stop in and be amazed!

**Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-3:30 pm

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**Childcare Providers:**  
Ilianna Murphy & Racheal Fenton

**Live Stream and Tech**  
Rohit & Savannah Bhawle

**Rev Melisa Bracht-Wagner**  
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UMM will continue meeting Wednesdays at 8 AM at the All-Star Diner in West Burlington.





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June 2021

In June, Burlington Building Bridges celebrated being independent for one year! The ministry expanded, while remaining true to our mission of tackling the problems of poverty in our area. Getting Ahead graduates are now making a difference in our area with better housing, jobs, and volunteer time.

The week of June 20 – with community help – Bridges has:

- ❖ Helped a momma assemble a bunk bed
- ❖ Rescued a mom, who was broken down on the side of the road.
- ❖ Encouraged a mom who suffered a significant loss.
- ❖ Gave the gift of transportation in the form of our fourth vehicle.
- ❖ Helped kids take part in sports due to scholarship funds
- ❖ Fed families
- ❖ Diapered babies
- ❖ Supplied gas for a family to avoid missing work as result of an illness
- ❖ Supported annual picnic with food, books, fun, and staff.

As a congregation, the mission endowment fulfilled another pledge of \$10,000. This funding allows our team to focus on ministry instead of endless small fundraisers. Our goal is to be able to grow in ministry as the sands of time pass. Focus on the needs of the people instead of being bogged down with administrative worries and duties.

Of course, we are always looking for people to join their passion with Bridges.. Here are a few specific ways your people can join a mission in our own back yard.

- Help with Child Care as a classroom monitor the first Tuesday of the month
- Staying Ahead Partner with a graduate from Bridges. Currently, we have 7 partners at First.
- Attend the training event to learn more about barriers in poverty
- Special Skill Volunteer
  - Advocating and helping to secure housing
  - Grant Writing
  - Spreading Community Support
- Provide funding for the ministry.
- Participate in the Chair-ity by providing or purchasing a chair for October.

Thank you for the continued support. Burlington Building Bridges is discipleship mission ministry in our own yard. Please find a way to connect into this life changing ministry.

Thanks for your help,

Rev Melisa Bracht-Wagner  
Board President

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 7:30am - Choir Practice 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Education 1pm - Basketball 5pm - N.A. Group 6:30pm - Evangelistic	28 9:30am - Sarah Circle 3pm - Pickleball 6:30pm - Prayer Group	29 5:30pm - Bridges	30 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 11am - PB&J Summer 3pm - Silver Singers 7pm - Basketball	1 11am - Youth Group 3pm - Farmers Market 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - N.A.M.I.	2 4pm - Basketball	3 9am - Bridal Shower
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