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

Tidings



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

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER SEPTEMBER 12-26

Wesley Covenant Prayer Challenge

- ⇒ 21 Day Devotion crafted by our own congregation to begin on September 12. These will be mailed on September first.
- ⇒ Sunday School will be guided by Amplify Videos featuring Chris Folmsbee
- ⇒ Intentional Worship Moments to focus on the Covenant Prayer

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but yours.
 Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
 Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
 Praised for you or criticized for you.
 Let me be full, let me be empty.
 Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
 I freely and fully surrender all things
 to your glory and service.
 And now, O wonderful and holy God,
 Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
 you are mine, and I am yours.
 So be it.
 And the covenant which I have made on earth,
 Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Contact us at 319-754-8421 www.umcburl.org

Facebook: [fumcburlington](https://www.facebook.com/fumcburlington)

PBJ (Prayers-Blessings-Jesus)

We meet every Wednesday night from 5:30-7 pm with PreK-5th grade for dinner, bible lesson, music, and games/bounce house. Our curriculum is "Heart Shaper"- it is designed to help your child discover God through God's Word. We take them on a journey like no other through the Bible! Heart Shaper is designed to help kids grow in their walk with God. Your kids will grow to: know God and His word, worship God, love God and others, serve God, and follow Jesus. Join us- bring a friend! **I will keep God's word in my heart- Psalm 119:11.**

We are also in need of teachers/helpers for PBJ! Come along on the journey-shape hearts and change lives Please contact Sue if you are able to help with a meal or a night or a month. 759-4884

Wednesday Ministry Night Resumes September 15

- 5:30 pm Meal in the Lower Level Church
- 5:50 pm Children Ministry—PBJ (Prayers, Blessings, Jesus)
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study—Room 213 with Pastor Melisa
- 6:30 pm Bell Practice—Room 215

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.

Puppets give glory to God
 on September 12
 at 9:00 am
 Join us for a
 morning of Praise!!

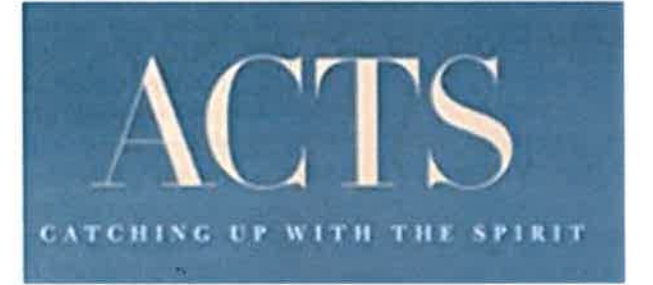


Adult Education in September>>>

The two Adult Sunday School classes will be studying the Wesley Covenant Prayer using a video series during the month of September. The Brunch Bunch will be meeting in **213 - a room with more space than 217**. The Life and Laughter class will be meeting in the Choir Room. All are invited to attend.

New Wednesday Bible Study

There's no better explanation for how to live out the Great Commission - following the instruction of the resurrected Jesus Christ to spread his teachings to all the nations of the world - than in the book of Acts. It is a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the early disciples. Pastor Melisa will lead a study on the book of Acts starting on September 15th. This class is based on a video series and book by the New Testament scholar, Matthew Skinner. The class will be from 6-7 - **HOWEVER**, you are welcome to have supper with the kids at 5:30. We will meet in the room 213. All are welcome to join!



Wednesdays beginning September 15
 6:00 pm for six weeks
 room 213 with Pastor Melisa



Celebrations >>>

Birthdays

Cayden Starbuck	09/01
Mary Ann Grinde	09/03
Alan Hanks	09/04
Kris Hanks	09/05
Scott Spear	09/08
Greg Cameron	09/09
Barb Miller	09/10
Bill Blake	09/14
Braxton Hutchinson	09/14
Kiana O'Brien	09/14
David Ure	09/14
Cayson O'Brien	09/15
Barbara Schulz	09/18
Connor Rockwell	09/20
Linda Johnson	09/21
Eric Wozniak	09/22
Janet Armstrong	09/23
Jerry Zick	09/23
Burr Japsen	09/24
Marilyn Lancaster	09/24
Vicki Wischmeier	09/24
Sarah Cockrell	09/26
Bryan Hill	09/27
Robert Rowley	09/29
Hanna Hagen	09/30
Thelma Odell	09/30
Kristi Zick	09/30
Dane Feenstra	09/30

Anniversaries

Curtis & Rita Flatt	09/03
Rick & Vicki Koeller	09/04
Derek & Kori Stotlar	09/04
Adam & Kahri Plein	09/05
Tyler & Melinda Bickel	09/08
Laverne & Patty Neal	09/13
Tobias & Suzanne Lunsford	09/21
Howard & Pati Toops	09/22
Tim & Cindy Seibert	09/25
Duane & Sandy Hendrichsen	09/30

Mission Corner >>>



Ingathering— The gathering for Ingathering has begun! Each year our entire congregation assembles School Kits containing basic school supplies for children in developing countries. These children become the proud owners of these tools that will help them learn and be successful in their lives.

Thank you to all who have already donated kits! If you missed the early sales for school supplies, the stores will be having clearance sales now so you can still pick up the necessary items and assemble kits.

- 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

In addition to the school kits, Miriam Circle is gathering items for Personal Dignity Kits so that individuals have the necessary items for personal cleanliness. The due date for all kits to be returned to the church or church office is Friday, October 22.

Missionary Support— Jane Kies is the new missionary whom our church supports. Jane teaches English to students at Africa University in Zimbabwe. Her retired husband, Larry, was our former missionary. We support Jane through the sale of Hy-Vee gift cards. Five per cent of the face value of each card is donated by Hy-Vee to support Jane. So if you purchase a \$100 card, \$5 is sent to Jane Kies. Judy and Bob Adams have been responsible for this mission project for many years. When you see them, please give them a big thank you for their constancy and dedication!

Cleaning Tubs—Mission Committee is collecting cleaning products to give to low income individuals so they can more easily maintain their households. The confirmands will be helping with this project by making homemade laundry detergent at one of their September meetings.

Bridges Meals—The September Bridges' meal will be served by the Mission Committee on September 7. The October 5 meal will be served by the Balcony Dwellers.

End of the Month Meal— First United Methodist Church will be responsible for the entree for the October 28 Shared United Ministries End of the Month Meal at Grace UMC. If you would like to help prepare food and/or serve the meal, please contact the church office or Ann Ure at 319-759- 2990.

United Methodist Women >>>

Mark your calendars! **Monday, September 20th at 6pm** is another opportunity for a **FREE Meal** and a Message. This September program is of interest to all ages, and families are encouraged to come (bring children and/or grandchildren) and enjoy a free meal prepared and served by United Methodist Women. Clay Beckman will be the guest speaker and he will have his K-9 dog, Rico with him to demonstrate some of the things the dog is trained to do as he assists in our local law enforcement. Reservations are preferred, and signup sheets will be available at Sunday church services in September. You may also reserve your spot by calling the church office (319-754-8421) or stopping by the LOFT anytime during the week when the office is open. "Monday Meal and a Message" September 20,2021 6:00 PM

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-09/13 @ 3:00 pm in LOFT Library
- Quilters-Every Wednesday @ 8:30-12pm on 3rd LOFT
- Miriam Circle-09/27 @ 7:00 pm on 1st LOFT
- Sarah Circle-09/27 @ 9:30am on 2nd LOFT



Dear Pastor Melisa,
I had a great time at church camp. It was a little scary because it was my first time being away from home for an entire week alone. I really enjoyed going on the horses. We got to swim at a lake and there were water slides. We got to go rock wall climbing. Overall I had a pretty good time.
Thank You! Love, Haley

Dear Melisa,
I had a great time at church camp. It was so fun we went to the pond and swam every day. We also went creek stomping and did horses and rock climbing and some other things as well. Overall, it was the most fun camp I did this summer. P.S. (I went to 5 weeks of camp) Sincerely, Ben Thank You!

Music Ministry >>>

Inspirational Ringers will take a break for the summer. Small ensemble participants welcome!

Chancel Choir Due to a summer break and COVID number increases, our choir has not been meeting regularly since the spring, but we will be coming back to rehearse and perform as a group beginning on September 12th. We rehearse every Sunday at 7:30 am in the church lower level to prepare for a worship performance during our regular church service at 9:00 am. Childcare is available upon request. If you are interested in joining the choir, or are a long-time member wanting to return to active worship, please call me (Dane Feenstra) in the LOFT office 754-8421 or stop me after church! I already have many email contacts that I use to send updates to the choir members, but I would love to add more of you to our ensemble! admin@umcburl.org If you have ever sung, please consider joining regardless of time spent out of practice or talent level. We have a place for you! Dane Feenstra, Chancel Choir Director

Our Financial Health >>>

Financial Numbers as of August 23, 2021

Budgeted Income	\$220,645.24	Budgeted Expenses	\$221,507.17
Actual Income	\$166,342.83	Actual Expenses	\$133,120.03
Event Income	\$ 15,802.19	(With Pastor Melisa returning to full time, please help us keep current with expenses.)	
Total Income	\$182,145.02		

\$25,000 of \$40,000 has been paid toward the 2021 apportionment. Thank you



Fair Trade Market >>>

Stop by the LOFT Market to see new, seasonal merchandise! There are fall items and check out the ornaments on our corner Christmas tree!

The LOFT Market is a ministry of the First United Methodist Church! Not only does it serve as a market for artisan goods made by producers in developing nations, but the volunteers working at the LOFT Market are goodwill ambassadors for our church to the community. We have provided information about the facilities and ministries of FUMC to people from Burlington and visitors to Burlington.

When you buy from the LOFT Market, you are supporting our church and community!



Office Hours

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

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Roxy Riessen

Custodians:
Bruce Dichraff & Tim Votaw

Childcare Providers:
Isabella Murphy & Riley Richards

Live Stream and Tech
Rohit & Savannah Bhawle

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UMM will continue meeting Wednesdays at 8 AM at the All-Star Diner in West Burlington.





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August 25, 2021

Yesterday, the Staff Parish Relationship Committee (SPRC) gathered with Doug Cue, our District Superintendent. The SPRC Team includes Duane Hartman co-chair, Pati Toops co-chair, Julie Anderson, Larry Crabtree, Jim Evans, and Shauna Freitag. This team was purposely selected last year knowing that my health might require a leadership change. Our SPRC team will be guiding our congregation through the process of receiving a new pastor under appointment.

The process of appointment making is not an interview nor call process. Selecting a pastoral leader is intentional, with specific steps within the United Methodist Church. Below are two United Methodist Resources to help one learn about our method:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-our-pastor-is-being-moved-to-another-church-how-is-this-decision-made>

From the iaumc.org, SPRC resource guide pdf. "Appointment Making begins through a process of prayerful discernment and building consensus.

1. Superintendents read the profiles of the open churches and available pastors.
2. The open churches are listed.
3. The receiving Superintendent presents a description of the charge and its needs, and then requests nominations.
4. Each Superintendent, in turn, nominates prospective appointees based on their gifts and graces and gives rationale for their appointment to this charge.
5. The requesting Superintendent underlines two or three nominees; the Cabinet discusses and recommends a final nominee.
6. If the Bishop concurs with the recommendation, the Bishop "fixes" the appointment (§ 416, The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church: 2016, p. 341).
7. Requesting Superintendent calls the pastor to inform about the appointment and receive response.
8. Superintendent calls Staff-Parish Chair to schedule Appointive Introductory Meeting (AIM).
9. Announcement date is set by Superintendent"

The process takes time. As your pastor, I will continue with you until a replacement arrives. My hours will shorten in September, but the congregation will not be without a leader. Thank you in advance for your patience as we travel through the process together. Thank you for trusting the methods that make our denomination unique.

Philippians 4:6-8 ⁶ Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell him every detail of your life, ⁷ then God's wonderful peace that transcends human understanding, will guard your heart and mind through Jesus Christ. ⁸ Keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising him always.

Rev. Melisa Bracht-Wagner
 (319) 929-3281

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Education Hour 1pm - Basketball 3pm - Basketball Tryouts 5pm - Confirmation 5pm - N.A. Group 6:30pm - Evangelistic Bible	5:30pm - Pickleball Labor Day - Office Closed 5:30pm - Pickleball	9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges 6pm - Missions	8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 6pm - Four Oaks	10am - Fluid Movement 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - N.A.M.I.	7pm - Silver Singers	1pm - Gloria Devilbliss
7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Education Hour 1pm - Basketball 5pm - Confirmation 5pm - N.A. Group	3:15pm - UMM Exec. Board 5:30pm - Pickleball 6pm - Four Oaks 6:30pm - Prayer Group	9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges 7pm - Education 7pm - Trustees	8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 10:30am - Burlington 3pm - Silver Singers 6pm - Four Oaks	10am - Fluid Movement 3pm - Silver Singers 5:30pm - Fair Trade 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 6:30pm - N.A.M.I. 7pm - Ad Council	9am - Confirmation Work 9am - Four Oaks 9:30am - UMW Golden	8pm - Cotillion
7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:10am - Education Hour 1pm - Basketball 5pm - Confirmation 5pm - N.A. Group 6:30pm - Evangelistic Bible	9am - P.E.O. 1pm - Hawkeye Heritage 5:30pm - Pickleball 6pm - UMW Meal and a 6:30pm - Prayer Group	9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges	8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 1pm - King's Daughters 3pm - Silver Singers 6pm - Four Oaks	10am - Fluid Movement 5:30pm - Pickle Ball	7pm - Silver Singers	8pm - Cotillion
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