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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

## SPRC UPDATE

**The following announcement was made on  
Sunday November 28, 2021,**

With assistance and guidance from Bishop Laurie and District Superintendent, Doug Cue, SPRC has the privilege of announcing the appointment of a lead pastor for FUMC Burlington, Pastor Melanie Greengo. Our committee had the opportunity to meet with her. Pastor Mel, which she prefers to go by, answered all of our questions. She was very open and honest. After talking with her, it was a unanimous feeling from Patty, Julie, Shauna and me that we had found the pastor to lead us. She currently is the pastor in Columbus Junction and Columbus City. She has held this position for the past 6 years. Originally, from MN, she has lived in the states of Washington and Hawaii. She was a registered nurse before following her calling into ministry. She recently became a spiritual director through the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center. Pastor Mel has two kids, Dylan 21, who lives in MN and Oliver 19, who lives in Waterloo. Pastor Mel is an avid swimmer and also enjoys baking bread, tinkering in the garage, knitting and hanging out with her two dogs and cats. She is greatly looking forward to being in ministry with all of us. Her tentative start time is February 1, 2022. Please feel free to reach out to Patti, Duane, or Doug Cue with any questions. We are excited to start this new journey together in Christ.

### SPRC Co-Chairs

Duane Hartman & Pati Toops  
**Members:** Julie Anderson, Larry Crabtree,  
Shauna Freitag (Lay Leader)

## New Year's Message from our Pastor

What a wonderful Advent and Christmas season here at the church. Thank you to all who helped in so many ways. The outreach through SUMM (undies), food baskets, Salvation Bell ringing, hanging of the greens, Worship Services, music, and so much more. Powerful loving Christmas "stuff"!!

Now we can relax and hibernate for the cold winter. Oh, no, wait, as Howard Thrumman says, The Work of Christmas begins. "When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart."

We must carry on after the birth of our Lord, doing the work that he started as a man on earth. We may not accomplish what seems like great things but we can make a difference in ourselves, in our own family, our own church, and our own community. Think about your next step forward for God.

**Pastor Joan**

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*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.*

Celebrations >>>

**Birthdays**

Fran Tillman	01/01
Sarah Crose	01/03
Russell Brissey	01/05
Alexis Davis	01/05
Beverly Reeder	01/09
John Wozniak	01/10
John Phillips	01/11
Brady Jochims	01/12
Cheryl Jones	01/12
Charles Anderson	01/13
Edward Bickel	01/13
Lois Fort	01/14
Gale Lofgren	01/14
Wanda Abernathy	01/16
Sue Dichraff	01/19
Pam Farr	01/20
Marilyn Garrett	01/21
Ruby Heubner	01/21
Bannen Davis	01/23
Mikayla Brueck	01/24
Debra Jochims	01/26
Donald Taeger	01/28
Garvin Weitzel	01/28
Blake Hagen	01/31

**Anniversaries**

Rohit & Savannah Bhawle	01/07
Lennis & Alicia Kelley	01/10
Bob & Dee Alberts	01/12
Bruce & Sue Dichraff	01/14

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

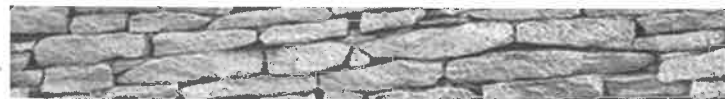


**Confirmation Updates**

SUNDAYS—January Confirmation at 10 am

**Mark the Calendar**  
Lock-In January 16-17

Mission Corner >>>



**Merry Christmas!** Thank you for all the wonderful blessings of gifts and services that our church family has served to our neighbors this Christmas season!

The **Life and Laughter** Sunday School class served a delicious, festive holiday meal to almost 100 guests at the **Building Bridges** holiday party at Loft 2 on Tuesday, December 7. Thank you to all the good cooks and workers who provided that meal!

On Saturday, December 11th, there were sixteen happy bell ringers in front of the Agency Street Hy-Vee ringing the **Salvation Army** bell to help that organization in its mission to serve the needy. Thank you to all the cheery ringers for their service!

Fifteen **Christmas Baskets** for families in need were filled with twenty eight different grocery items, including perishables of ham, margarine, eggs, cheese, carrots, and a bag of fresh apples. Thank you to everyone who shopped and brought in this enormous amount of food, to those who donated funds to get the extra items, and to the team who packed it all up! Your generosity is overwhelming and appreciated!

**Christmas love does not end just because the year does!**

In January the Chrisamon Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary will be transformed into a **Mitten Tree!** Because the cold of winter is most keenly felt this month of the year, we are all asked to remember the residents of the Burlington Homeless Shelter and the little children in need who attend North Hill School by bringing in winter caps, hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to hang on this tree. The hope is to cover the tree with these wearable items by the end of the month!

The Bell Choir will be the next group to serve the **Building Bridges Meal** the first Tuesday in January, the 4th, to the 100 participants and their children who are working to make connections, develop positive work and life skills, and lead a productive, happy life. Each first Tuesday of the month a different group within the church serves a meal. If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Ann Ure, 319-759-2990.

Our church will be responsible for the dessert to be served at the end of the month meal for the **Shared United Methodist Ministries** at Grace UMC on February 24, 2022.

Sunday, February 13, is **“Souper” Bowl Sunday!** To celebrate and to help the hungry, we will be collecting soup with protein for the Community Action Food Pantry that Sunday. Stock up now!

**United Methodist Women >>>**

No Events/Meetings for the month of January.

UMW wish everyone warm winter wishes and important time spent with family in the New Year!



Education in January >>>

The **Branch Bunch** will resume studying "The Space Between Us" in January. Even if you haven't been part of this study, you are welcome to join the conversation on using the Bible as a guide to help close the divide between us when we hold different viewpoints. The **Branch Bunch** meets in Room 217 at 10:10 on Sundays.

The **Life and Laughter** class continues their travels in the Holy Land with Dave Stotts. In January, he'll help us cement stories from the New Testament with his videos. Stotts' adventures are not only enlightening but also entertaining. Hop on whenever you can by coming down to the Choir Room after church.

The **Children's Christmas Program** was a hit. Thanks to Sue and the children for sharing the Big Story to help us all remember the true purpose of Christmas is to celebrate God's gift to all us, Jesus.

**JUMP** will continue to meet during the Church service with Sue after the Children's Sermon.

**PB&J** will take a break and resume on Wednesday, February 2nd.

**Puppets of Praise** will also be taking a break through February.

**Confirmation** classes will continue on January 2nd. They meet at 10:10 on Sunday mornings. The Confirmation Class will have a Lock-In on January 16th.

J.U.M.P

Jesus You and Me Pray  
Sundays following the  
Children's Message

Church Lower Level with Sue  
Bible Lessons and Games

**Our Financial Health >>>**

Financial Numbers as of  
December 28, 2021

Budgeted Income	\$339,241.94
Actual Income	\$286,513.95
Event Income	\$ 22,355.25
Total Income	\$308,869.20

Budgeted Expenses	\$339,361.54
Actual Expenses	\$264,707.82



**All funds have been paid toward the 2021 apportionment. Thank you!**



**News from the LOFT Market:**

Thank you to all the volunteers who serve our neighbors in developing countries around the world by working in the LOFT Market! Your service of selling their handmade goods provides them with dignity of work and the means to lead a sustainable life, support their families, and be contributing members of their communities.

You may never be blessed with knowing them but they are blessed knowing that you care.

Serving our neighbors faraway through fair trade is open to anyone who has the desire to help. Please stop into the LOFT Market and ask how you, too, can serve!

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Roxy Riessen

**Custodians:**  
Bruce Dichraff & Tim Votaw

**Childcare Providers:**  
Isabella Murphy & Riley Richards,  
Aeva Babcook

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Hymn Sing Worship 10am - Confirmation 10am - Sunday School 11:30am - Volleyball	27 5:30pm - Pickleball 6:30pm - Prayer Group 7:30pm - Basketball	28 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges	29 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 4pm - Basketball 7pm - Basketball	30 10am - Fluid Movement 1:30pm - Bible Study 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7:30pm - Basketball	31 4pm - Basketball	1 1
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## 2022 Leadership Team for Burlington First United Methodist Church

Church Council		
Chair	John Phillips	22
Secretary	Jesse Saar	
Lay Leader	Shauna Frietag	22
SPRC CoChair	Duane Hartman	
SPRC CoChair	Pati Toops	
Ministry Team	David Ure	
Trustee Chair	Gary Williams	
Treasurer	Dane Feenstra	
Lay Member AC	Andree Halden	
UMM	Jim Corder	
UMW	Mary Taeger	
	Marilyn Lancaster	
Endowment	Tim Seibert	
Mission Chair	Ann Ure	
Financial Secretary	Tim Votaw	
At Large	Adam Plein	23
	Vicki Wischmeier	22

Ministry Team		
Cindy Seibert		23 Fin
Dave Ure - C		23 Fin
Roger Stauffacher		24 FIN
Julie Anderson		22 SPRC
Duane Hartman		23 SPRC
Larry Crabtree		23 SPRC
Pati Toops		23 SPRC
Chris Almack		22 Trus
John Youngquist		22 Trus
Lisa Hill		22 Trus

Education		
Andrea Hartman		
Cindy Seibert	c	
Janet Brissey		
Kahri Plein		
Lori Rockwell		
Lucy Cockrell - Staff		
Mark Taylor		
Sue Dichraff - Staff		

Endowment		
Tim Seibert - C		24
Amy Cox		24
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Bob Adams		22
Jim Corder		22
Mary Jane Hemphill		22
Darvin Kendell		23
Denise Johnson		23

Passion Team Leaders		
Altar Flowers	Carol Zaiser	
Blood Drive	Howard Toops	
Card Ministry	Gloria Jewett	
Christmas Basket	Ann Ure	
Historian	Dave Camp	
Library & Prayer Shawl	Barb Evans	
Puppets	Hartmans	
Softball	Dave & Duane	
Tuesday Team	Dave Miller	
Welcome Team	Bob Adams	
Women at Well	Ann Ure	

Fair Trade Team		
Ann Ure - Chair		
Cheryl Almack		
Marilyn Lancaster		
Dana Readinger		
Cheryl Jones		
Mary Taeger		
Terri Elliott		

Mission		
Ann Ure - Chair		
<del>Cindy Seibert</del>		
Janet Owens		
Marek Patejak		
Patty Neal		
Randy Ross		
Roxy Riessen		

Memorial		
Terri Elliott		22
Barb Evans		24
Barb Miller		23

Nominations		
Jim Priebe		23
Ryan Frietag		24

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