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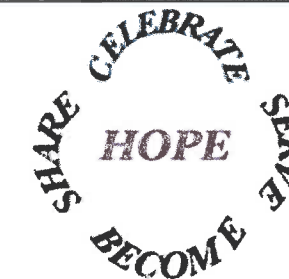
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*As Christ's Light of Hope,
together we Become, Serve,
Celebrate and Share*

Tidings



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

Missive from Mel

Whenever my soul is in need of soothing, I turn to poetry. I used to dislike poetry. Well, not dislike it so much as not willing to take the time or inclination to slow down enough to enjoy it. Don't get me wrong, in my teen years I fancied myself a poet-dramatic, emotive poems of teenage angst and swirling emotion were my choice but reading others poetry, no thanks. Now, I find glorious pause in the midst of poetry.

Today I spent some time perusing Mary Oliver's poetry, specifically her poetry about birds. It could have just as easily been the Psalms, or Song of Songs but I had a dream in which I started growing feathers last night, so Mary Oliver and birds seemed apropos. I found her poem Snow Geese again.

"Oh to love what is lovely, and will not last!" It is when we are able to be present in the moment that we are blessed to see the loveliness of God's beautiful creation, including each other. When is the last time you felt seen? When is the last time you were truly present in the moment? A moment of joy in watching birds flit about or a moment of connection with another in which you saw their pain, their joy, their hope, their frustration and didn't turn away? Each day is really just moments. Moments in which we can be present or moments that get missed because we are already too busy with the next thing to experience what is right in front of us. My favorite type of prayer is simply using some of those moments to be present with God. Be present to the beauty around us and listen to God speak. I pray you have many moments in which you see God, the beauty of this world, and each other "through the veil, secretly, joyfully, clearly."

May you find comfort and peace in God's presence.

Pastor Mel

Snow Geese

Oh, to love what is lovely, and will not last!
What a task
to ask
of anything, or anyone,
yet it is ours,
and not by the century or the year, but by the hours.
One fall day I heard
above me, and above the sting of the wind, a sound
I did not know, and my look shot upward; it was
a flock of snow geese, winging it
faster than the ones we usually see,
and, being the color of snow, catching the sun
so they were, in part at least, golden. I
held my breath
as we do
sometimes
to stop time
when something wonderful
has touched us
as with a match,
which is lit, and bright,
but does not hurt
in the common way,
but delightfully,
as if delight
were the most serious thing
you ever felt.
The geese
flew on,
I have never seen them again.
Maybe I will, someday, somewhere.
Maybe I won't.
It doesn't matter.
What matters
is that, when I saw them,
I saw them
as through the veil, secretly, joyfully, clearly.

*Youth Education
in April>>>*

PB&J (Prayers, Blessings, and Jesus): Meeting through April on Wednesdays from 5:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M. Grades Pre K-5th Grade. Dinner is at 5:30 P.M. Bible lesson is "Holy Moly" Series. Music, games, and fun! Will break for the summer starting in May.
JUMP (Jesus, You, & Me, Praying):

Meeting every Sunday after the Children's Sermon for Bible lessons and crafts!
Confirmation Classes: Meeting Sundays at 10:10 A.M.-11:00 A.M. in the Church Basement Room #1. We have 12 Confirmands in the class. We have recently learned all about the United Methodist Church and we will be starting Lenten studies soon.

VBS (Vacation Bible School): Mark your calendars for July 18th-July 22nd. Theme is "Food Truck Party." Come meet "Chef Dane" and "D.J. Cupcake." Picnic every night and eat from a real food truck! God is Good-God is Great. God is Great-God is Good. By God's Hands we all are Fed. Join us and bring your friends!
Puppets of Praise: Performing on 04/24!

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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

Terri Elliott	04/01
Rosalinn Johnson	04/01
John Youngquist	04/02
Suzanne Lunsford	04/03
Nancy Pilger	04/03
Kelsey Schmeiser	04/05
Jan Alter	04/07
Janet Schupback	04/08
Lin Phillips	04/09
Chris Murphy	04/11
Jeff Crooks	04/12
Mary Saye	04/12
Lennis Kelley	04/14
Tom Bell	04/19
Brenda Almack	04/20
Jody Crooks	04/20
Ryan Kendell	04/21
Jeanette Gallagher	04/22
Shelly Ahner	04/26
Janet Eggenberger	04/26
Gary Warner	04/26
Tammy Yotter	04/26
Angie Johnson	04/27
Sarah Smith	04/27
Derek Stotlar	04/27
Rhonda Wynn	04/27
Jody Goble	04/28
Kinnick Crose	04/30

Anniversaries

Roger & Gail Ferry	04/02
John & Lori Rockwell	04/06
Scott & Jo Williams	04/07
Jim & Julie Kniffen	04/15
Tom & Sally Parrott	04/24

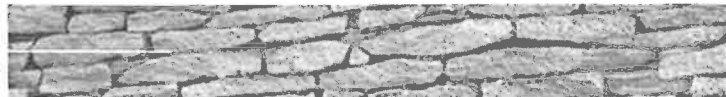
UMM will continue meeting Wednesdays at 8 AM at the All-Star Diner in West Burlington.



Confirmation Updates

SUNDAYS—January Confirmation at 10 am

Mission Corner >>>



HELP! People in Burlington are hungry and need your help!

There is a sheet posted at the back of the church for you to sign up to help with the Thursday, April 28th, **end of the month meal** at Grace United Methodist Church. People who are willing to prepare food, to serve the food, and to fund buying the food are needed.

First UMC is one of six churches who rotate to provide a meal or dessert to the hungry in our local community on the last Thursday of the month through the Shared United Ministries. In recent months, the number of meals served have ranged from 82 to 142.

The Tuesday, April 7th, **meal for Building Bridges** will be served by the Balcony Dwellers with Cindy Seibert coordinating it. Mission Committee served the February meal, and the Fair Trade Committee will be responsible for the May meal. Thank you to all who provide their time and service to this ministry!

Saturday, August 6th, from 10 to 11am, has been set as the time and date for this year's **Take Away Hunger** food packing at Messiah Lutheran Church. This is an opportunity to be a part of a fellowship group of all ages who can pack over 2000 meals for the hungry in just one hour! Please see Ann Ure to sign up or for more information.

Wednesday, June 15th, has been set as the date for volunteers to travel to Des Moines to work at the **Bidwell-Riverside food pantry**, the largest volume food pantry in the state. We will leave Burlington at 7 am and return by 6 pm. This is a multi-generational day long mission trip!

Everyone and your friend are encouraged to participate in these two mission events.

Sunday, March 27, was **UMCOR Sunday**, which is a time to recognize the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR delivers **humanitarian aid** to areas facing natural or manmade disasters, both locally, like the recent Iowa tornadoes, and worldwide to places such as war torn Ukraine.

100 % of all donations go to provide aid and hope to those in need. Our annual church apportionments pay for the office work and handling which is incurred.

If you were not able to participate in the special offering for UMCOR that day, your offering is still needed and appreciated. The need goes on.

J.U.M.P

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

Church Lower Level with Sue
Bible Lessons and Games



United Women of Faith >>>

Events/Meetings for the month of April:

- Executive Board-04/11 at 3:00 P.M. LOFT Library
- Miriam Circle-04/18 at 7:00 P.M. at Claudine Capps
- Sarah Circle-04/25 at 9:30 A.M. LOFT Second
- Monday Meal and a Message**-04/25 at 6:00 P.M. LOFT Second
- Golden Valley District Mission Day Apart-04/30 at 9:00 A.M. in the LOFT

The United Women in Faith invite you to join with us for food, fellowship and a fun, informative program on Monday April 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM. The free meal will be served at 6pm, with a program to follow. Officer Clay Beckman is bringing his K-9, Rico, to explain and demonstrate how he is used to enhance the Burlington Police department's care of our community. Please register your intention to attend at the church office by April 20th . Everyone is welcome!

Adult Education in April >>>

The Brunch Bunch will finish studying "The Space Between Us" in March. They meet in Room 217 at 10:10 on Sundays.

The Life and Laughter class continues their travel in the Holy Land with Dave Stotts' videos. They are in the midst of the Gospels. All are welcome to join this video series at any time. The Life and Laughter class meets in the Choir Room after church.

Softball Update-

We will be having softball at FUMC this year! Our church league plays Tuesday evenings from roughly the last week of April to the middle of July.

We shall be fielding at least one team this season, but I still hold out the prayerful hope we can again manage a pair of squads. Contact either **Duane Hartman at 319-383-8263** or myself, **David Ure, at 319-759-3911**, or, as always, **Dane Feenstra in the office**. Let us know your interest, what questions you may have, and so on, but please, please, please let us know sooner rather.

Wednesday Ministry Night

- 5:30 pm Meal in the Lower Level Church
- 5:50 pm Children Ministry—PBJ (Prayers, Blessings, Jesus)
- 6:30 pm Bell Practice—Room 215

"Adventure of a Lifetime"

The Education Committee recognizes the impact church camp can have on a person's growth in Christianity. Therefore, they have decided to fully fund camperships for members and active participants of the church again this year. FUMC will also fund 50% of camp for a friend of a member. Financial assistance is also available through the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. You can check out the summer camps for all ages at <https://www.iaumc.org/camps>. Don't miss the video on how God changes lives at camp. Please contact Sue Dichraff with your questions.

Our Financial Health >>>

Financial Numbers as of
March 30, 2022

Budgeted Income	\$ 86,070.82
Actual Income	\$ 52,774.03
Event Income	\$ 8,398.50
Total Income	\$ 61,172.53

Budgeted Expenses	\$ 89,146.80
Actual Expenses	\$ 76,200.85



LOFT Market News—

The LOFT Market has stacking eggs and bunnies, as well as other Easter themed products, cotton blankets for cool spring evenings, and baskets of all shapes and sizes, all made by global artisans!

Stop in to see the cool things that are made around the world!

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

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Custodians:
Bruce Dichraff & Tim Votaw

Childcare Providers:
Isabella Murphy & Riley Richards,

Live Stream and Tech
Shawn Johnson
Rohit & Savannah Bhawle

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Confirmation 10:15am - Sunday School 5pm - N.A. Group 6pm - Puppets of Praise 6:30pm - Evangelistic Bible	28 5pm - Kingdom Karate 5:30pm - Pickleball 7pm - Bel Canto Practice 7:30pm - Basketball	29 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges	30 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 5:30pm - Wednesday 7pm - Basketball	31 5pm - Birthday Party 5pm - N. A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7pm - Bel Canto	1 4pm - Basketball 7pm - Bel Canto Practice	2 9am - Bel Canto Practice
3 7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Confirmation 10:15am - Sunday School 1pm - Baby Shower 3pm - Bel Canto Concert 5pm - N.A. Group	4 2pm - NAMI 5pm - Kingdom Karate 5:30pm - Pickleball 6:30pm - Prayer Group 7:30pm - Basketball	5 9am - Heritage Baptist 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges	6 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 10am - Hope Haven 3pm - Silver Singers 5:30pm - Wednesday 7pm - Basketball	7 10am - Fluid Movement 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N. A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7pm - Bel Canto	8 4pm - Basketball 5pm - Birthday Party	9 2pm - Basketball 2pm - Birthday Party 6pm - Cotillion
10 7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Confirmation 10:15am - Sunday School 5pm - N.A. Group 6pm - Puppets of Praise 6:30pm - Evangelistic Bible	11 9am - P.E.O. 3pm - UMW Exec. Board 5pm - 4 Oaks 5pm - Kingdom Karate 5:30pm - Pickleball 7:30pm - Basketball	12 T.C.A.B. 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges 5:30pm - Treble Clef 6pm - Missions 7pm - Education	13 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 1pm - Memorial Blood 3pm - Silver Singers 5:30pm - Wednesday 7pm - Basketball	14 10am - Fluid Movement 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N. A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7pm - Bel Canto 7pm - Maundy Thursday	15 Office Closed at P.M. 4pm - Basketball 7pm - Good Friday	16 2pm - Basketball
17 7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Confirmation 10:15am - Sunday School 5pm - N.A. Group 6pm - Puppets of Praise 6:30pm - Evangelistic Bible	18 Office Closed 1pm - Hawkeye Heritage 2pm - NAMI 5pm - Kingdom Karate 5:30pm - Pickleball 6:30pm - Prayer Group 7pm - Miriam Circle 7:30pm - Basketball	19 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges 7pm - Ministry Team	20 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 10am - Hope Haven 12:15pm - Burlington 3pm - Silver Singers 5:30pm - Wednesday 7pm - Basketball	21 10am - Fluid Movement 3:30pm - Fair Trade 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N. A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7pm - Ad Council 7pm - Bel Canto	22 4pm - Basketball	23 9am - Wedding/Reception 2pm - Basketball
24 7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service- 10:15am - Confirmation 10:15am - Sunday School 5pm - N.A. Group 6pm - Puppets of Praise 6:30pm - Evangelistic Bible	25 9:30am - Sarah Circle 4pm - Bridges 5pm - Kingdom Karate 5:30pm - Pickleball 6pm - UWF Meal & a 7:30pm - Basketball	26 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges	27 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 5:30pm - Wednesday 7pm - Basketball	28 10am - Fluid Movement 4pm - Basketball 5pm - Girl Scouts 5pm - N. A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7pm - Bel Canto	29 4pm - Basketball	30 9am - UMF Golden Valley 2pm - Basketball

Bridges Update

Pastor Melisa loved God and loved people. It was evident in the things she did on a daily basis. She walked the walk. We feel very privileged to be able to honor her memory and carry her legacy forward through her Memorial with your gifts. It is such a thoughtful way to honor and remember her love for community, love for others, and her life's mission of showing Gods love through real and tangible ways.

With love and gratitude,

Mona Ash and the Bridges family

