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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

June already! School's out. More time to absorb lots of Vitamin C and hopefully ride bike. Lucy Lemon, my trusted bike, is ready for a ride! June is a wonderful time to get outside and experience God's presence in the beauty all around us. Too often, as adults we forget the joy and endless possibility of a summer without school! All that freedom to run wild outside.

In truth, as a child I did more "reading wild" than anything during the summer. I passed many a summer afternoon under a shady tree, with a blanket and a good book. But still, there was endless possibility. Dare I say, imagination with a little hope thrown in as well. What if we were to approach this summer with the same hope and imagination? What if, just for a bit, we let our imaginations run wild? What if we throw caution to the wind and live into the idea that as Easter people each day we are created anew? Each day we have the chance to live into the beautiful, loving human being God created us to be. Each day is a chance for new life and to experience God's presence in our life and share that joy with others. I pray your hearts are renewed with hope this summer!

Pastor Mel

Youth Education in June>>>>

PB&J (Prayers, Blessings, and Jesus):

PB&J is done until fall. What a wonderful year it was being able to gather together again. We averaged 20 kids ages Pre-K- 5th grade! What a blessing to share Jesus' love with these children! I would like to thank the following people who helped. You are so appreciated!

Meals: UWF, UMM, Lori Rockwell, Michelle Russell, Cindy Seibert, Fenton family, Sarah Crabtree, & the Heubners.

Teachers: Pati Toops, Cindy Brown, Lucy Cockrell, Julie Anderson, & Pastor Mel.

Helpers: Bella Murphy, Riley Richards, Aeva & Cleo Babcook, Maggie McKee, Ben Cone, Edward Bickel, Kayleigh Hartman, Macyn Crose, Maverick Crose, & Katie Taylor.

Thanks to the parents who were faithful to bring their children every Wednesday. What a joy it has been to get to know each and every one of them! We will start back up in September.

JUMP (Jesus, You, & Me Praying):

JUMP will continue meeting throughout the summer. They meet every Sunday after the Children's Sermon for Bible lessons and crafts!

VBS (Vacation Bible School):

Mark your calendars for July 18-22. Come meet "Chef Dane" and "D.J. Cupcake" at the "Food Truck Party." Picnic every night and eat from a real food truck! God is Great-God is Good. By God's hands we all are fed. Join us and bring friends. Adult leaders are needed--please contact Sue if you can help.

Puppets of Praise:

Puppets of Praise will resume rehearsals in the fall. Adult leaders and puppeteers (3rd grade and older) are needed. Contact Sue if you are interested.

Youth Library Books:

Please check out the library books for youth (toddler-preteens) displayed in the back of the sanctuary. You can borrow for just the service or borrow to take home.

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

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



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

John Cavanah	06/01
Amy O'Brien	06/01
Ethan Zaiser	06/01
Norah Harris	06/03
Heather Brueck	06/04
Kara Stoner	06/06
Mike Westfall	06/07
William Almack	06/08
Larry Crabtree	06/09
Dudley Cone	06/11
Jessica Davis	06/13
Oliver Cone	06/14
Janet Brissey	06/15
Mark Taylor	06/15
Landon Wynn	06/15
Lexi Wynn	06/15
Marion Bennett	06/16
Nicholas Hagen	06/17
Jim Masengarb	06/18
Carol Zaiser	06/21
Parker Davis	06/22
Dana Williams	06/22
Lynn Egan	06/24
Ed Fort	06/24
Tim Seibert	06/25
Mel Greengo	06/27
Cooper Crose	06/29
Kay Hagen	06/29
Alicia Kelley	06/29
Lisa Babcook	06/30
Anthony Hoffman	06/30
Landon Wells-Carter	06/30

Anniversaries

Paul & Lisa Babcook	06/02
John & Margaret Wozniak	06/03
Charles & Vera Anderson	06/07
Ed & Lois Fort	06/11
Barry & Andree Halden	06/11
Bob & Judy Adams	06/13
Jim & Barb Evans	06/15
John & Roxy Riessen	06/20
Bill & Linda Pilger	06/22
David & Ann Ure	06/23
Duane & Andrea Hartman	06/24

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



Mission Corner >>>



One of the loveliest things about being blessed with God's love is that you can pass these blessings along to others who are needing help.

There are many mission opportunities to do this!

Quiet Ministries is one such opportunity! The worship service for the third Sunday of each month will be designated as Quiet Ministry Sunday. This is a time when there will be no hoopla or passionate plea for help. It is not a replacement for your regular stewardship gifts to the church. Instead, it is an opportunity for each of us to focus quietly and prayerfully on what we want to graciously give to those who are in need and to go that extra mile to help.

The Burlington Area Homeless Shelter, the local Domestic Violence Intervention Shelter, the Community Action Food Pantry, and First UMC's own Matthew 25:40 for emergency aid will alternate each month for the Quiet Ministries.

The focus for the June 19th service will be the Domestic Violence Intervention Shelter. Your gifts that day or in the days to follow should be designated Quiet Ministries.

Wednesday, June 15, is the date our church is scheduled to volunteer at the largest volume food pantry in the state! **Bidwell-Riverside** is a UMC supported facility in southeast Des Moines providing a food pantry, a used clothing outlet, and child care services for the needy in the area.

This is a multi-generational opportunity for service and fellowship! Our group will leave the mall parking lot at 7 am, arrive at Bidwell at 10 am, and work stocking grocery shelves and unpacking and hanging up clothing donations until lunch time. After eating at a local restaurant, we will continue our work until 3:00 when we will drive back to Burlington, returning around 6 pm.

Take Away Hunger is a program to provide basic, nutritious food to 2,000+ people in one hour's time! From 10 to 11 am on Saturday, August 6 at Messiah Lutheran, you can help others from First UMC form an assembly line, filling bags with rice and other nutrients that will be boxed and shipped overseas to those whose needs are great.

The Shared United Ministries which has been serving drive through end of the month meals during the pandemic has returned to dine in meal service! First UMC will be providing the dessert and helping to clean up for the Thursday, June 30th, meal at Grace UMC. People who are willing to serve ice cream sandwiches and clean up after the meal are needed that evening!

Four preteens whose parents attend Building Bridges are being provided the opportunity to go to **Wesley Woods** church camp because of our Mission endowment funds. Drivers to take the kids to camp on Sunday, July 24, and to return them to Burlington on Friday, July 29, are needed!

If you are able to serve others in any of the ways listed above, please phone or message **Ann Ure at 319-759-2990** or leave a message at the church office.

United Women in Faith >>>

Events/Meetings for the month of June:

Iowa Annual Conference: 3rd-5th

Executive Board-None

Miriam Circle-06/20 at 6:00 P.M. Salad Supper Potluck

Sarah Circle-06/27 at 9:30 A.M. LOFT Second

Save the Date!

Nov. 13th, the United Women in Faith are having a **"Harvest Celebration"** in the LOFT. We will have a Cookies/Bars/Bread sale. We also will have a Silent Auction sale. These items can be new or gently used. There will be more details to follow. Any questions, contact **Cheryl Jones (319-572-5914)**

The church has a **prayer shawl ministry** that is being organized again. Due to COVID, we haven't been able to get together and our supply is low. If there are persons who knit or crochet and would like to join the group, we will meet **June 15th at 10:30 a.m. in the LOFT.**

Adult Education in June >>>

The Brunch Bunch will be breaking for the summer. During the year, they meet in Room 217 at 10:10 on Sundays. Check with Jim Corder for more information.

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 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 June 14th 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.

A TAKE AWAY HUNGER FUNDRAISER

CONCERT is being held at Oak Street Baptist Church on Thursday, June 2nd at 7 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken, and the proceeds will go to help pay for TAH packages. We would really appreciate getting a good crowd to help us out with financing the product we package. Thank you,!

"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
May 26, 2022

Budgeted Income	\$ 140,763.22
Actual Income	\$ 88,596.62
Event Income	\$ 15,052.25
Total Income	\$ 103,648.87

Budgeted Expenses	\$ 141,346.83
Actual Expenses	\$ 135,500.72



LOFT Market News

You may know that the LOFT Market sells fair trade items made by global, worldwide artisans in need to help them with a sustainable livelihood.

What you may not know is that the Fair Trade Committee of First UMC donates thousands of dollars twice annually to charitable groups and institutions locally and worldwide to support their good work and service.

At the April Fair Trade Committee meeting, the LOFT Market gifted a total of \$5,000, with \$1,000 going to each of the following: the Burlington Police Department, Women at the Well, the Burlington Area Homeless Shelter, Domestic Violence Intervention Program, and Iowa WINS.

Your shopping at the LOFT Market makes this possible. Thank you!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 5pm - N.A. Group 6:30pm - Evangelistic Bible	30 4pm - Basketball 5:30pm - Pickleball	31 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges	1 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 10am - Hope Haven 3pm - Silver Singers 7pm - Basketball	2 10am - Fluid Movement 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N.A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball	3 Iowa Annual Conference 4pm - Basketball 4pm - Willson Grad Party	4 1pm - Crose Grad Party 2pm - Basketball
5 Iowa Annual Conference 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 2:30pm - Ruther Grad 5pm - N.A. Group 6:30pm - Evangelistic Bible	6 2pm - NAMI 4pm - Basketball 5:30pm - Pickleball	7 9am - Heritage Baptist 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges	8 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 7pm - Basketball	9 10am - Fluid Movement 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N.A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball	10 4pm - Basketball	11 2pm - Basketball
12 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 1pm - Olmsted Grad Party 5pm - N.A. Group 6:30pm - Evangelistic Bible	13 4pm - Basketball 5:30pm - Pickleball 6:30pm - Prayer Group	14 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges 6pm - Missions 7pm - Education	15 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 10am - Hope Haven 12:15pm - Burlington 3pm - Silver Singers 7pm - Basketball	16 10am - Fluid Movement 3:30pm - Fair Trade 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N.A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7pm - Ad Council	17 4pm - Basketball	18 10am - Weirather-Li 2pm - Basketball
19 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 5pm - N.A. Group 6:30pm - Evangelistic Bible	20 12pm - P.E.O. 2pm - NAMI 4pm - Basketball 5:30pm - Pickleball 6pm - UWF Miriam Circle	21 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges	22 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 7pm - Basketball	23 10am - Fluid Movement 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N.A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball	24 4pm - Basketball	25 11am - Jamie's Card Class 2pm - Basketball
26 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 11am - Baby Shower 5pm - N.A. Group 6:30pm - Evangelistic Bible	27 9:30am - UWF Sarah Circle 4pm - Basketball 5:30pm - Pickleball 6:30pm - Prayer Group	28 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges	29 8am - UMM Breakfast 8:45am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 7pm - Basketball	30 10am - Fluid Movement 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N.A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball	1 4pm - Basketball	2 2pm - Basketball

Book Beat

Note: This is a new addition to the Tidings. Each month a book from our church library will be featured. Drop in sometime to see what our library has to offer. There are fiction and nonfiction books for all ages. Please consider sharing a review of one of your favorite books and submit to Dane.

“She Did What She Could” Five words of Jesus that will change your life. By Elisa Morgan

I don't know what caused me to reach out and pull this particular book off the shelf of our church library. Was it the catchy title, or the fact that I could probably read it in one evening and then could write that book report I had promised Cindy? Whichever, I am thankful I discovered it.

I found myself comforted, challenged, and then revitalized in my understanding of my place in this world. I may not be able to change what is happening in Ukraine, or wipe away the mental illness or poverty in Burlington, Iowa, but “what if”? “What if” I met one simple need that I see at this moment? “What if” I were more vigilant in watching for the needs of others? “What if” daily I shared the love that God has for me through one simple act? “What if” we each had the opportunity to pull this particular book off the shelf and spend the evening with it? How might our church, our community, our world be changed?

The author shares numerous examples of individuals sharing the love of God by just doing what they can. I hope you will reach out for this book.

Andree Halden

Worship Tech Help Needed!

We are in need of backup people to be willing to learn and potentially fill in for Sunday live streaming services and slides. Some previous tech related experience is recommended, but the jobs are both easy enough to approach with even a limited understanding of how to use our equipment.

Lucy Cockrell and Shawn Johnson will assist with all training and be present for all questions. Call the LOFT Office if interested!

J.U.M.P

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

Church Lower Level with Sue
Bible Lessons and Games

