

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>26</p> <p>9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 11am - Fellowship Baby Shower 5pm - N.A. Group 6:30pm - Gratia Church</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30am - UWF Sarah Circle 4pm - Basketball 5:30pm - Pickleball 6:30pm - Prayer Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges 6:15pm - Church League Softball 8:15pm - Church League Softball</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8am - UMM Breakfast 9am - Quilters 7pm - Basketball</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10am - Fluid Movement 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N.A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7:30pm - Basketball</p>	<p>1</p> <p>4pm - Basketball 6:30pm - Mediapolis Class of 17</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2pm - Basketball</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 5pm - N.A. Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Closed 2pm - NAMI 4pm - Basketball 5:30pm - Pickleball 7:30pm - Basketball</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9am - Heritage Baptist 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges 7:15pm - Church League Softball</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Along the 8am - UMM Breakfast 9am - Quilters 10am - Hope Haven 6pm - Congregational Care Team 7pm - Basketball</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10am - Fluid Movement 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N.A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7pm - SPRC 7:30pm - Basketball</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Along the 4pm - Basketball</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2pm - Basketball</p>
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<p>17</p> <p>9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 12pm - Fossick Baby Shower 5pm - N.A. Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30pm - Vacation Bible School 7:30am - Walking Club-Crapo Park 12pm - P.E.O. 2pm - NAMI 4pm - Basketball 5:30pm - Pickleball 7pm - UWF Miriam Circle 7:30pm - Basketball</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9am - Mahjong 10:30am - Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30pm - Bridges 7:15pm - Church League Softball</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Crapo Park 8am - UMM Breakfast 9am - Quilters 10am - Hope Haven 7pm - Basketball</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10am - Fluid Movement 3:30pm - Fair Trade 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N.A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7pm - Ad Council 7:30pm - Basketball</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Crapo Park 4pm - Basketball</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11am - Jamie's Card Class Ladies 1pm - Hayley Baby Shower 2pm - Basketball</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 11am - Dewey Baby Shower 5pm - N.A. Group 6:30pm - Gratia Church</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 9:30am - UWF Sarah Circle 4pm - Basketball 5:30pm - Pickleball 7:30pm - Basketball</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges 6:15pm - Church League Softball 8:15pm - Church League Softball</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 8am - UMM Breakfast 9am - Quilters 7pm - Basketball</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10am - Fluid Movement 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N.A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7:30pm - Basketball</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 4pm - Basketball</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12pm - Kaur Grad &amp; Birthday 2pm - Basketball</p>
<p>31</p> <p>9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 11am - Haley Grad Open House 5pm - N.A. Group 6:30pm - Gratia Church</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2pm - NAMI 4pm - Basketball 5:30pm - Pickleball 7:30pm - Basketball</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9am - Heritage Baptist 9am - Mahjong 5:30pm - Bridges</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8am - UMM Breakfast 9am - Quilters 10am - Hope Haven 7pm - Basketball</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am - Fluid Movement 4pm - Basketball 5pm - N.A. Group 5:30pm - Pickle Ball 7:30pm - Basketball</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4pm - Basketball</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2pm - Basketball</p>

## **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. **More reviews are needed! Please submit to the LOFT Office.***

### **Making Sense of the Bible** by Adam Hamilton

This has been one of the most important books I have read in my faith journey.

Over many years of reading the Bible, I have encountered passages that I did not understand and that I found to be very troubling. I was always concerned that in the Old Testament, I thought that God seemed to be rather petty and very vindictive. I have been concerned at how many people I have encountered who did not find modern science compatible with the Bible. This was especially a concern for me because in college, my physics teacher, Mr. White, who was a member of First Methodist Church, had a large sign in front of our classroom that said "Science finds God in his Universe at all times". I have also wondered about what happens to my Jewish friends when they die. They are wonderful, caring people, why would they not go to heaven? In addition, I found myself becoming more and more skeptical of people who tell me that according to the Bible, everything happens for a purpose. It made me wonder, did they worship a God who would plot to bring about the death of my seven-year-old son?

"Making Sense of the Bible" certainly helped me discover the answers to many of my questions and it gave me a better understanding of what is really being said in the Bible. "Making Sense of the Bible" is not a deep, dry reading, scholarly book, even though the author, Adam Hamilton, certainly possesses the credentials to publish such a book. Instead, "Making Sense of the Bible" is written in a clear, straightforward fashion that presents a summary of the findings of many Biblical scholars.

In this book, Adam Hamilton discusses many of the major issues that are being debated in churches around the world today, and he relates all of these issues to what is said in the Bible. Caution: this book may cause you to rethink some of your past beliefs—it certainly did for me.

**David C. Camp**

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## **Worship Tech Help Needed!**

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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

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







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 together we Become, Serve,  
 Celebrate and Share*

# Tidings



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

## Missive from Mel

I watched a webinar about visioning in the church not that long ago that left me pondering. It asked a question that has been rolling around in my head all week. "Do we as a church have more dreams than memories, or more memories than dreams?" Are we looking forward with plans and ideas or are we looking backward wishing for the way it was?

It is our human tendency, whether it be the aging process, or times of fear, difficulty and loneliness that cause us to look back and wish for the way things were. We remember a time when things were simpler, when life was perfect. Interesting how our minds try to convince us how perfect life was 10, 20 even 40 years ago. The reality of day to day issues and frustration have long since been lost to time, leaving us with rosy memories that don't do justice to reality.

Often the same rosiness can shine on our dreams as well. We imagine a future in which life is perfect, where everything is just as we imagine it could be. Interestingly there are no problems or frustrations in that future dream, just as the problems of the past have faded right out of our memories.

So whether we are dreaming for the future, or remembering the good ol' days, the question we should really be asking is this. Are we willing to allow the reality of the present to inform the direction of the church? Rather than focusing on the way it used to be, or the unreachable someday perfection of the future, how about we focus on loving each other in the here and now?

As a community, we need to have a vision to point ourselves towards, but even more importantly, we need to love the people who need us right now. We are called to practice God's love right now in the midst of our messy, chaotic, sometimes painful lives. That means showing up for each other, stranger and friend alike. That means sharing God's love with stranger and friend alike. That means opening our hearts to all, stranger and friend alike. Let us live in the present for we have been told, "Today is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Let's not waste it.

May today be the day you make a difference in one person's life.

**Pastor Mel**

## Youth Education in July>>>

**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):** It is time to register for VBS 2022: Food Truck Party-On a Roll with God! The week of July 18th-22nd will be full of fun, food, and God's love - and there will even be a super special party at the end of the week for both kids and parents. All students Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to join. We will gather from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. with a meal provided for students each night. Then we will participate in Bible lessons, Crafts, and music. We can't wait to have everyone join in the fun and meet *Chef Dane* and *DJ Cupcake*!! Please contact Lucy Cockrell or Sue Dichraff with any questions or concerns!

**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-prenees) 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](http://www.umcburl.org)

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**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

**Mission Corner >>>**



Help!! Mission Committee has paid the camp fees for four preteen children of Building Bridges clients to attend Wesley Woods Camp. Drivers are needed to take them to Wesley Woods camp the afternoon of Sun., July 24, and to pick them up and return them on the afternoon of Fri., July 29. Please contact the church office or Ann Ure if you would like to help these young people get to camp!

Seven people, four confirmands and three adults, spent a wild, wacky, and wonderful day at Bidwell-Riverside stocking food shelves, hanging up donated clothing items, and guiding Des Moines area neighborhood clients in their selections.

First UMC will be serving the dessert for the June 30th end of the month Shared United Ministries at Grace UMC.

We will be serving the meal's entree for the Thursday, October 27th.

The Life and Laughter Sunday School class will be serving a picnic meal for the Tuesday, July 5th, Building Bridges class that will be meeting at Pollmiller Park in Lee County.

Because the Building Bridges class will be attending a Burlington Police Department function on Tuesday, August 2, our church will not be serving a meal to the group in August.

Thank you to all who have donated food items to the grocery cart at the back of the sanctuary! There were 134 items delivered to the Community Action Food Pantry this month. Please continue to support the Community Action Food Pantry with your non-perishable food donations; hunger continues in the summer time.

The Domestic Violence Intervention Program was the focus for the June 19th Quiet Ministry Sunday. Journey House is the name of the safe house for domestic abuse victims seeking refuge from their abusers here in Burlington. Your donation to the church designating domestic violence intervention may still be given.

The focus of the June 17th Quiet Ministry will be Community Action Food Pantry for the purchase of perishable food items.

Thank you for your May Quiet Ministry donation! A check for \$65.00 for the Burlington Area Homeless Shelter was sent to the shelter.

A \$50.00 donation was sent to support the community Juneteenth celebration that took place on Saturday, June 18th.

Sat., Aug. 6, is the date for Take Away Hunger at Messiah Lutheran from 10 to 11 am. In one hour's time we will be able to pack enough food to feed over 2,000 people!

Anyone who would like to be part of this short-in-time but huge-in-impact mission event should contact the church office or Ann Ure!

**Anniversaries**

Darven & Lara Kendall	07/02
Roger & Sue Stauffacher	07/06
Richard & Janet Eggenberger	07/07
Rob & Audrey Halden	07/07
Mark & Jan Alter	07/09
John & Paulette Cavanah	07/09
T.K. & Virginia Ford	07/14
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

**United Women in Faith >>>**

Events/Meetings for the month of July:

Executive Board-None

No Monday Meal & a Message-07/14 Next event on 09/19

Miriam Circle-07/18 at 7:00 P.M. Host Wendy Zick

Sarah Circle-07/25 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. These items can be new or gently used. There will be more details to follow. Any questions, contact Cheryl Jones at 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 again July 19th at 10:30 a.m. on LOFT 1st.

**Adult Education in July >>>**

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 will continue to meet through the summer after the Sunday service. The Life and Laughter class meets in the Choir Room after church. All are welcome to join!

**Church League Softball**

All games are Double Headers at the Rec Plex

Tuesday, July 5th	1st game @7:15p.m. & 2nd game @8:15p.m.
Tuesday, July 12th	1st game @6:15p.m. & 2nd game @7:15p.m.
Tuesday, July 19th	1st game @7:15p.m. & 2nd game @8:15p.m.
Tuesday, July 26th	1st game @6:15p.m. & 2nd game @8:15p.m.

**Walking Club**

Meets Monday-Wednesday-Friday at 7:30 a.m.

Week of July 4th (no meeting on Monday)	meet Along the River
Week of July 11th	meet at the Rec Plex
Week of July 18th	meet at Crapo Park
Week of July 25th	meet at Aspen Grove

**Snake Alley Lemonade Stand**

Thanks so much to ALL who worked the Snake Alley Lemonade Stand- what a blessing to have so many wonderful workers of all ages!

Our church was blessed to receive \$7317.23 to help spread the wonderful news of Jesus!

Thanks to all who came out to support our church! "Many hands make light work" Nehemiah 3

Bruce Dichraff

**"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 Information as of  
June 27, 2022

Budgeted Income	\$ 171,491.64
Actual Income	\$ 119,378.49
Event Income	\$ 16,933.50
Total Income	\$ 136,311.99

Budgeted Expenses	\$ 171,321.39
Actual Expenses	\$ 164,453.88



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Thank you!

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