

Traditional Worship 9:00 am

WELCOME Rev. Melisa
 PRELUDE In Dulci Jubilo J.S. Bach
 *HYMN "What Child is This!" Hymnal #219
 SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1:13-18
 Please turn to page 805 in your pew Bible.
 The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

CHILDRENS MESSAGE TFWS #2193
 (Following the children's message, all children age 3 through 5th grade are invited to go to the lower level for an age appropriate Bible activity we call J.U.M.P.)

Prayers of the People
 Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 (please write in binder on podium near elevator)
 Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer Hymnal #895

OFFERING How Far Is It to Bethlehem
 setting by Douglas Wagner

DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94
 PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***For the saving faithfulness of Jesus Christ, we give thanks. For the church that seeks to extend Christ's ministry, we are humbly grateful. All things we have are gifts from you, O God, so we dedicate more than our money. We reinvest ourselves in patient, joyful response to your promises. Hear our prayers and empower our ministry. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC Gesu Bambino Jacob Yochum, Soloist
 *HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
 Hymnal #240

MESSAGE God's Missionary Heart –
 The days after Christmas and the days before the New Year.

*HYMN "We Three Kings" Hymnal #254

*BENEDICTION SONG
 POSTLUDE From Heaven High to Earth I Come
 arr. Gordon Young
 *Please stand as you are able. **Bold read together**

Worship Leaders

Liturgist Jim Corder
 Greeters/Ushers 9:00 am Dave and Barb Miller
 Sound 9:00 Mikayla Brueck
 Organist & Handbell Director..... Roxy Riessen
 Choir Director..... Jacob Yochum
 Church Office, Sharyn..... 319.754-8421
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<p>Sunday, Dec. 31 No 11:11 am Relaxed Service</p> <p>Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church Office Closed</p> <p>Tuesday, Jan 2 9:30 am Mah Jong 5:30 m Getting Ahead</p> <p>Wednesday, Jan 3 8:00 am Abraham's Men Group at the Broadway Grill in W. Burlington 8:45 am Quilter's 1:00 Women's Bible Study NO PB&J</p>	<p>Thursday, Jan 4</p> <p>Friday, Jan 5</p> <p>Saturday, Jan 7 12:00 pm Shower 1st Floor</p> <p>Sunday, Jan 8 9:00 am Worship 10:10 Sunday School 11:11 am Relaxed Service 6:00 pm Puppets of Praise 7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Youth Group</p>
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[Sunday School Listings for January 7](#)

Life & Laughter will hear from Amy O'Brien regarding the Healthy Church Initiative.

Basics of United Methodist Beliefs will be facilitated by Tim and Cindy Siebert in room 213 for six weeks. Using John Wesley as a guide, the *Top 10 United Methodist Beliefs DVD Study* describes the ten most important United Methodist beliefs. The six video conversations provide powerful insights into a Wesleyan understanding of scripture, grace, holiness, and the church as a social and spiritual force.

Brunch Bunch, facilitated by Jim Corder, continues in room 217 church. We are studying Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton.

Soncatchers, located in room 214 (second floor of church), with Julie Anderson & Melanie Sullivan as we continue to develop our relationship with Hope Haven.

Children's Sunday School meets in the basement

Welcome to Burlington First United Methodist Church



Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card with the opportunities for fellowship or service. These cards are placed in the offering plate during worship. Connection Cards are a great way to communicate to the church office or pastor.