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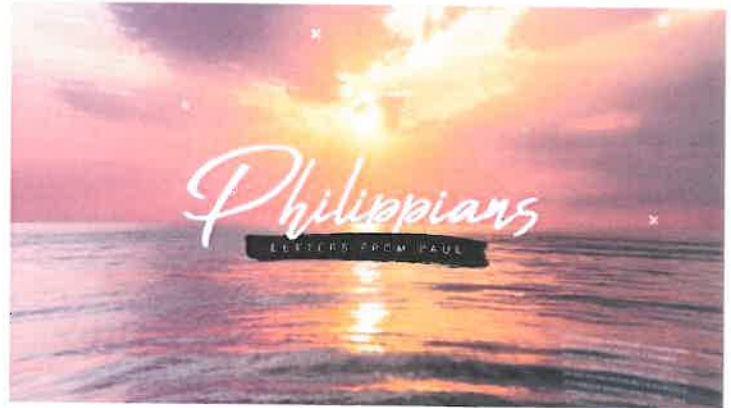


As Christ's Light of Hope, together we Become, Serve, Celebrate and Share



UMM will honor student members, who received Ken Koch Memorial Scholarships or Mildred

Westfall Grants for the 2020-21 college term, during our regular church service on August 9th. It will be a pleasure to hear them tell about their plans and aspirations.



July Sermon Series Philippians

Thank you to my church family for all the cards and well wishes. It means so much to me! Tom Schrinning

Fair Trade Market

The Loft Market is having a welcome back sale!

All regular priced items are 25% off during the month of July!

Summer items like wind chimes, watering cans, and garden whimsy from around the world are featured as are light evening wraps, jewelry, and home decor.

Our entrance has hand sanitizer for our returning customers, and our clerks are wearing face masks.

Fair Trade items are often featured in Facebook, and we encourage you to Like and Share these with your friends.

The new hours for the Loft Market are 11 to 3 on Monday through Saturday.



The Loft Market is part of a fair trade network that allows five million people worldwide to earn a decent, fair wage. Single women who are the sole wage earners for their families make up 60 to 75 percent of all the producers of fair trade merchandise.

A \$25 fair trade purchase provides a person from Kenya with wages for two days. If you want to serve others during this curious time but don't wish to get out in a crowd, stop by!

Where you shop does make a difference!

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Traditional Worship

Sundays 9:00 am

Education Hour Suspended

Children's Wednesday Night

Suspended

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Fair Trade Market

Monday-Saturday 11:00pm-3:00 pm

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In this season of COVID, we who represent the body of Christ are missing each other. We miss the handshakes, hugs, and high fives.

Communion. Snickerdoodle cookies. Chatting.

Visiting. Vacation Bible School. Volunteering.

As humans, it is important to lament the hard aspects of this time. No sugar coating. COVID is exhausting. Life is different. Changing. Few like disruptions to schedules. Ecclesiastes 3:4. A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. The words of the Psalms offer comfort in the struggle. Psalm 55.

Even in the burdensome restrictions, interactions with each other are treasured. Conversations cultivated. To me, it seems we are holding more pause for each other. At least, my prayer is we would hold more space for each other. I pray society might remember how much family and friends are missed during this time.

Many have asked, "when will the requirement for masks end?" Churches rank 8 on the COVID risk level just under bars, big concerts, and sporting stadiums.

My message has not changed since the start of COVID. The most important thing our church can do is to connect with one another. The church is her people. "Well, no one has connected with me" one might say. The phrase to have a friend one needs to be a friend works within the congregation as well.

This past week, David Camp, Lucy, and I have sorted a bunch of historical documents and pictures. Lucy said, "I was six when the fire happened." Her generation missed the joys of unified church. As a congregation, we will not have COVID zap our enthusiasm for being the church to our generations.

As we wait for the virus to vamoose, please contact three people each week. Someone younger. Someone your age. Someone you want to know better. If we reach out, COVID will make our congregation stronger—even in our absence.

Rev. Melisa BW

Financial Numbers as of June 25, 2020

Budgeted Income \$156,600 Giving Income \$159,033 plus LOFT Income \$6,985 Total Income \$166,018

Budgeted Expenses \$176,558.02 Actual Expenses \$131,051.38

We have paid \$20,900 of apportionments.

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The local
United
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ist Women
Board met
at the Loft
Library on
June 8 to

review 2020 programming that has been cancelled or postponed, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Conference has cancelled both the Summer and Fall Mission U events, and the October Annual Meeting. The SE District has cancelled the September Annual Meeting and the Fall DayApart/Mission Day events. The only local catering project currently scheduled is a Quester's brunch on August 15th. The 2019 Audit was completed for Treasurer Deb Jochims by Cheryl Jones and Mary Taeger. UMW Sunday is tentatively set for September 20th.

Miriam Circle will meet at Perkins Park Shelter House at 5:30pm on Monday July 20. Please bring a sack supper and your own drink. Cheryl Jones is hostess and will have the program, Claudine Capps is co-hostess and will provide dessert.

Mission Corner

Missions are still at work whether we are in quarantine or not!

The Mission Committee has sent funds to the Burlington Homeless Shelter and the Domestic Violence Shelter to help with their services.

SUMM meals have been served in boxes outside Grace at the end of March and July, thanks to the special arrangement and service of Sue and Roger Stauffacher. We will be serving the SUMM meal again in August.

The Bridges Out of Poverty classes at the Loft have started back once again and so have the meals! Our schedule of serving meals to the class and their families on the first Tuesday of the month will commence in August. Please check the schedule with contact people listed below to see when a group which you are a part of is responsible!

Aug.4 Bell Choir Roxy Riessen
Sept. 8 Brunch Sunday School Class Jim Corder

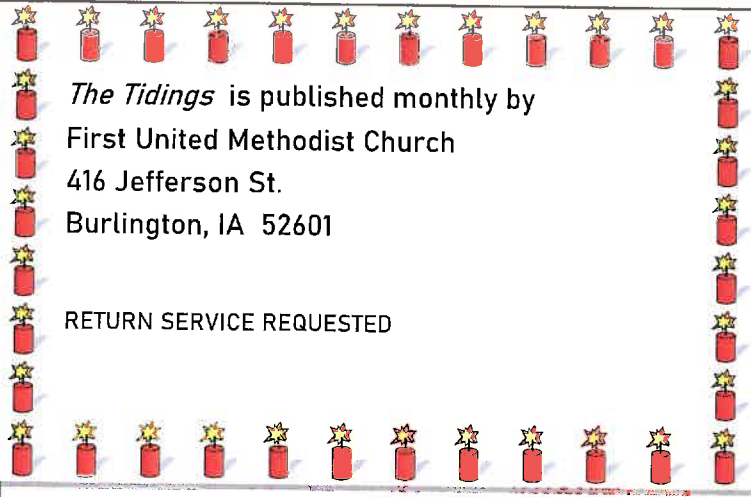
**The 2020 Paint-Athon for this
year has been cancelled.**



Darven and Lara Kendell	07-02
Roger and Sue Stauffacher	07-05
Richard and Janet Eggenberger	07-07
Mark and Mary Taylor	07-16
David and Tammy Yotter	07-16
Scott and Nina Zaiser	07-17
John and Barbara Schulz	07-23
Don and Gale Lofgren	07-25
Jerry and Julie Anderson	07-28
Blake and Julia Dichraff	07-28
Tina and Tim Goodwin	07-30
Frank and Ann Hills	07-30



Dan Egan	07-01
Jeremy Murphy	07-01
Richard Gerdner	07-03
Ron Piper	07-03
Grace Fenton	07-04
Liza Heubner	07-04
Alexander Taylor	07-04
Julie Anderson	07-05
Barb Cameron	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
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
Jerry Rigdon	07-22
Alex Stauffacher	07-22
Duane Hartman	07-24
Dawson Ferguson	07-25
Barry Halden	07-25
Christian Bracht-Wagner	07-28
Haley Cone	07-29



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July Around About July 14 5:30-7 pm
North Hill Elementary Parking Lot

Receive Children Activity Bags & Communion.
Drop off Mission Collection for Homeless Shelter
(Paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags, dish soap, laundry detergent)