

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



A Monthly Update for First United Methodist Church Burlington Iowa Volume 86 Issue 8

Tidings



Additional Worship Sundays 9:00 am with masks

Young Disciples

In this season of doing things differently, the Christian Education Team has found some creative opportunities for us to BECOME more like Christ.

August 9th there will be a **Kid's Connection Day** at Crapo Park from 3-5:30 pm with masks.

JUMP: The plan (as of 7/23) is to restart Jump in September. This is children's Sunday School during part of the church service. It is for PK through 5th graders with masks. Sue Dichraff be our leader.

PBJ: Until there is a significant improvement in the pandemic situation, PBJ will be suspended. Each month we will reevaluate.

If your student has not been receiving **biweekly activity packets**, please let Jackie know 754-8421.

TWEEN YOUTH: Restarts August 23 from 5-6 pm in the LOFT third floor as long as school is in-person. Otherwise, we will be meeting via ZOOM. Incoming 5th -8th grade.

PUPPETS are also on COVID break. We will reevaluate for the first of October.

August Adult ZOOM Study

August Study: "Jesus" study by Max Lucado.

On ZOOM, Please join us for one of two sessions where we will connect, view the authors teaching, and connect teaching to our daily lives.

Sundays in August at 10:15 am

Wednesdays in August at 7:00 pm

Please email Pastor Melisa for your ZOOM invitation.

pastor@umcburl.org

"I am the vine; you are the branches.
The one who remains in Me, and I in
them, will bear much fruit..."

John 15:5

In **September** Everyone is invited to join an all-church study on Pastor Adam Hamilton's "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times." Several class alternatives will be provided including in-person (with social distancing) and Zoom. Books will be provided to participants. Please be on the lookout in the Pew News for information to join a group.

Below is an excerpt from the jacket cover: You'd be hard-pressed to overstate the extent to which fear, anxiety, and worry permeate our lives today. [This is especially true during this pandemic.] Fear wreaks havoc on our relationships and communities. Drawing on recent research, inspiring real-life examples, and fresh biblical insight, Hamilton shows how to untangle the knots we feel about [several sources of fear]. Then he helps readers understand and counter fears... Hamilton shows how [we] can develop sustaining spiritual practices and embrace Jesus' recurring counsel: "Do not be afraid."



Birthdays

Macey Crose	08-01
Keaton Hoschek	08-02
Linda Pilger	08-02
Tom Schnirring	08-03
Taden Jameson	08-04
Ross Alexander	08-06
Cleo Babcook	08-06
Jessica Kendell	08-06
Margaret Orr	08-06
Geneva McWhirter	08-07
Aeva Babcook	08-08
Mary Moehlman	08-08
Jim Evans	08-10
Lincoln Freitag	08-11
Edna Gerdner	08-11
Blake Dichraff	08-14
Mary Taeger	08-14
Joy Witte	08-14
Nicole Fritz	08-16
Mallory Alter	08-17
Joseph Knight-Ford	08-18
Melodee Kennedy	08-19
Marilyn Rheinschmidt	08-19
Kamden Stotlar	08-19
Joe Sullivan	08-20
Dorothy Schmeiser	08-22
Malachi Bracht-Wagner	08-25
Bill Pilger	08-26
Emily Cone	08-27
Kayleigh Hartman	08-27
Ryan Freitag	08-28
Drew Wynn	08-28
Lisa Hill	08-29
Sutton Stotlar	08-29
Lleyton O'Brien	08-31

Anniversaries

Chuck & Bev Siekman	08-02
Joe & Amy O'Brien	08-04
Lois & Jerry Rigdon	08-07
Jerry & Wendy Zick	08-07
Gerald & Marilyn Lancaster	08-08
Mike & Kristi Westfall	08-09
Larry & Sarah Crabtree	08-12
Denise & Greg Johnson	08-12
Randy & Mary Schulte	08-19
David & Barb Miller	08-22
James & Mary Priebe	08-22
Ryan & Shauna Freitag	08-26
Nicole & Nathan Fritz	08-28
David & Amy Camp	08-29

Time for School Kits

School will be starting soon around the world! The back to school sales for school supplies have begun! Once again Burlington First United Methodist Church will be gathering school supplies for our annual Ingathering in November to send the necessary school supplies to children who are in need of support world wide. Your support of this mission project allows needy children worldwide the opportunity to receive the precious gift of an education.

Here is the list of items to pack into our student school kits. Be watching for these items to be featured in the back-to-school sales.

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| 3 —1 subject WIDE spiral Notebook | 1 pencil eraser, 2" |
| 1 pair of student round tip scissors | 1 pencil sharpener 1 ruler |
| 12" long ruler with metric | 1 box of 12 colored pencils |
| 1 box of 24 crayons | 6 unsharpened pencils |

These supplies will be packed in one handled bags which are being sewn by industrious seamstresses in our congregation. If you would like to help, the pattern is in the Mission mailbox at the church office. There will be a box placed in the church office in which to drop off the school supply items. If you would prefer to donate instead of going shopping, the shipping cost per bag is \$2.00. Please designate Ingathering in the check's memo.

Homeless Shelter Update

On July 14, during the drive through Communion service, many items were dropped off for the Burlington Homeless Shelter. There were over 36 packages of items donated. Among the items were toilet paper, toothpaste, detergent, sanitary napkins, garbage bags, paper plates, and Kleenex. If you have any items that would help the homeless at the Shelter, please take them to our church office and they will be taken to the Homeless Shelter for you.

End of the Month Meals

Our church will be helping with the August End of the Month Meal for the Shared United Methodist Ministries. if you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Ann Ure at 319-759-2990.

No Executive Board Meeting in August



United Methodist Women
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August 17 Miriam Circle
Hostess & Program Mary Taeger

Calendar Highlights

Children & Youth >>>

Monday 3 Drive By
North Castle Guests
Sunday 9 Connection
Crapo Park 3:30-5:00 pm
Sunday 23 TWEEN YOUTH
LOFT 3rd 5:00 pm

Meetings >>>

Trustees—Tuesday 11th ZOOM
Mission—Tuesday 11th
SPRC—No Meeting
Fair Trade—20th
AD Council—Thurs 20th ZOOM

Study Groups >>>

Sunday 10:15 am ZOOM
Wednesday 7:00 pm ZOOM

GYM >>>

Sundays 7-9 pm
Mondays 6:30-8:30 pm
Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 pm
Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm

EVENTS OUTSIDE GROUPS >>>

Mondays—Men's Study
Saturday 1—Graduation Party
Friday 7—Wedding Reception
Saturday 8—Funeral Luncheon
Sunday 9—50th Wedding
Sunday 16—Shower
Saturday 22—Wedding

>>>Due to COVID, no new events are being scheduled<<<

Automatic Financial Giving

On the back side of this paper is the form for automatic withdraw for financial giving to Burlington First United Methodist Church. In the time of COVID, it is easy to forgot to mail in offerings. Automatic withdraw offers many options for withdraw. Individuals can change the timing or amount at any time. Please consider signing up for the VANCO giving.



LOFT STOREFRONT

The Loft storefront panels (that were splitting) have been covered with marine boards and are in process of being painted. A huge thanks to the volunteers that keep us looking good.

Did you hear? After years of caulking, head scratching, tuck-pointing, contractors, and ideas—we think the water issues on LOFT Four are fixed. Whoot!

Building Bridges >>>

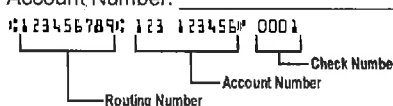
Burlington Building Bridges will begin class number ten in late August.

CHAIR-ity Chair Auction will be in October. If you are interested in decorating or donating a chair, please contact Mona Ash 754-8421.

Teammate volunteers are needed to partner with a graduate. Teammates encourage graduates in life struggles and recommend resources for barriers. Training and ongoing support is provided. Monthly Staying Ahead meetings are the first Tuesday of each month (except during COVID)

AUTHORIZATION FORM

Name of the organization: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____		
Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation		
Last Name		First Name
Address		
City		State Zip
Email Address		
DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____/____/____	FREQUENCY OF DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th	FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Building \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ \$ _____ Total from above \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Optional (card donations only): x 2.75% Add an additional 2.75% to defray card processing fees Grand total \$ _____
CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)	Routing Number: _____ <i>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</i> Account Number: _____ 
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____	
CREDIT / DEBIT CARD	Card Brand (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Card	
	Card Number:	Expiration Date:
	Name on Card:	
	Billing Address (if different from above):	
	I authorize the above organization to process transactions in accordance with the information above. Signature (as it appears on the card): _____ Date: _____	

If using a checking account, please attach a voided check over the credit/debit card section above.

COVID UPDATES

Today, July 25, our congregation continue to operate in the Yellow Zone with masked in-person worship as defined by the Iowa Annual Conference. For more information, please see iaumc.org. The average in-person attendance has been 43. Live-Stream YouTube views remain average 127 per week.

Philippians 4: ⁴ Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let joy overflow, *for you are united with the Anointed One!* ⁵ Let gentleness^[u] be seen in every relationship, for our Lord is ever near.^[g]

⁶ Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell him every detail of your life, ⁷ then God's wonderful peace that transcends human understanding, *will make the answers known to you* through Jesus Christ.^[u] ⁸ So keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God,^[u] praising him always. ⁹ *Follow the example* of all that we have imparted to you and the God of peace will be with you in all things.

July 22, 2020

The book of Philippians has renewed our commitment to be more like Christ in the month of July. Of course, we could have dove deeper into the text with exegesis and in-person conversations. Nevertheless, I pray you were able to encounter Paul's passion.

As the sands of time push bring about August, I don't see life getting any easier. COVID. Back to School. Civil Unrest. National Divisions. Economic Uncertainty. Exhaustion in decisions is normal.

In September, we will be doing a church study on *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope* by Adam Hamilton. The children ZOOM, Tween youth, and adult ZOOM as well as Sunday mornings will focus on this book. I am super excited for this study during these uncertain times.

Rev Melisa BW

Fair Trade Market

Monday-Saturday
11:00am-3:00 pm
Facebook-Loft Market

SALE
25% Off in July



Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

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Live Stream Coordinator:
Marcus Knight

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Ilianna Murphy & Racheal Fenton

Financial Health >>>

Financial Numbers as of July 22, 2020

Budgeted Income	\$200,935	Budgeted Expenses	\$203,148.73
Actual Income	\$176,299	Actual Expenses	\$151,622.11
LOFT Income	\$ 6,728		
Net Income	\$182,871		

We have paid \$20,900 of apportionments.
FUMC is within \$4,000 from where we were last year at this time





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August Driveby...

Monday, August 3rd 5:30-7 pm
North Hill Elementary Parking Lot

- Children can meet *Sparky the Dragon* and his friends from North Castle as they were sad to miss VBS in July.
- Animal Balloons
- Adult Upper Rooms Distribution
- Receive Communion
- Drop off Mission Collection for Ingathering School Supplies (listed on page two of the Tidings)



Up to date news >>>

Pew News

For congregational prayer concerns plus weekly updates, please contact the church office to subscribe to the Pew News. 754.8421