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together we Become, Serve,  
Celebrate and Share*



A Monthly Update for First United Methodist Church Burlington Iowa Volume 87 Issue 5

# Tidings



Traditional Worship 9:00 am with masks or Live Stream

Contact us at 319-754-8421 [www.umcburl.org](http://www.umcburl.org)

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

Join us for *in-person* worship with masks and  
social distancing at 9AM each Sunday!

We will keep you posted when our  
bishop removes more  
COVID restrictions.

## Worship with us Online

Website:  
[umcburl.org/recorded-services](http://umcburl.org/recorded-services)

Youtube:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCf5Sk8GT07ZLVzqIP6qoN1w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf5Sk8GT07ZLVzqIP6qoN1w)

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### Young Disciples >>>

**JUMP:** (Jesus You & Me Pray) is children's Sunday School during the last half of the church service. It is for PK through 4th graders with masks and has resumed along with in-person worship. Sue Dichraff is our leader.

**PBJ:** will restart in the fall, once COVID concerns have subsided and enough volunteers have been obtained.

**TWEEN YOUTH:** Sunday nights from 5-6 pm at the LOFT every week. Sue is also still in need of parents to take turns helping in Melisa's absence for May—lesson planning is already done. Please reach out to volunteer!

**PUPPETS** will continue in the Fall. Please contact Andrea Hartman with any further questions.

### Music Ministry >>>

**Inspirational Ringers** continue to give God praise through practice and worship.

**Chancel Choir** will practice every week at 7:30AM in the choir room, and perform every other week with the hope of continuing regularly soon. If you are interested in doing special music, please contact the church office at 754-8421.

### Adult Education Opportunities in May

-The Life and Laughter Class is doing a series titled "Taking on Life's Challenges." The new topic each week will be announced in the Pew News. They are meeting on Sunday mornings in the Loft mezzanine with masks. All are invited.

-All are invited also to the Brunch Bunch class which continues to meet on Sundays in the Choir Room. They are discussing Adam Hamilton's video series "The Life of Peter."

-On Wednesday mornings at 10 AM, Jerry Rigdon facilitates discussions on "Spirituality in the Gospel of Matthew." Meetings are in the church Choir Room. Please contact Jerry at [ledgery@lisco.com](mailto:ledgery@lisco.com) for weekly outlines and agendas.

### United Methodist Church Camp

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. 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>.

### Senior Sunday!

Come congratulate our graduating seniors on Senior Sunday, May 23rd. We'll recognize their accomplishments in high school and find out what future adventures they have planned. If you have a Senior or recipient of an UMM scholarship or grant in your family, please contact the LOFT Office at 319-754-8421. We are in need of baby and Senior pictures for our special Sunday service. Feel free to drop the pictures off at the LOFT Office on weekdays, or email to [admin@umcburl.org](mailto:admin@umcburl.org). Thank you!

### Mark your calendars!

Paint-A-Thon will be September 7th-11th. More information to come! Sue Stauffacher will be collecting names for those interested in helping sometime during the month of July.

### Vacation Bible School 2021-Knights of North Castle

VBS will be July 19th -23rd! More information will be sent out shortly, but please feel free to contact Sue Dichraff or the LOFT Office for more details. Save the Date flyers will soon be mailed out so that families can get registered!

### Up to date news >>>

For congregational prayer concerns plus weekly updates, please contact the church office to subscribe to the *Pew News*. Call 319-754-8421.

<<<<Pew News

**Celebrations >>>**

**Birthdays**

- T.K. Ford 05/01
- Chuck Siekman 05/01
- Margaret Wozniak 05/01
- Andrea Hartman 05/02
- Bonnie Kendall 05/04
- Chase Williams 05/04
- Marc Pilger 05/07
- Rachel Cassabon 05/10
- De'Andre Davis 05/10
- Benjamin Cone 05/11
- Kahri Plein 05/11
- Alysa Starbuck 05/11
- Sandie Bickel 05/13
- Curtis Flatt 05/14
- Jim Adams 05/16
- Ava Fritz 05/16
- Cindy Brown 05/17
- Jamie Smith 05/17
- Robert Cameron 05/19
- Jo Williams 05/19
- Ross Cone 05/20
- Patty Neal 05/20
- John Jaeger 05/22
- Oliver Westfall 05/22
- Barb Evans 05/23
- Dee Alberts 05/24
- Joyce Corder 05/28
- John Schulz 05/29
- Evan Heubner 05/30

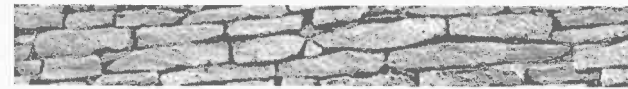
**Anniversaries**

- Scott & Cindy Spear 05/02
- Jeremy & Chris Murphy 05/22
- Carl & Heather Brueck 05/23
- Jerry & Debra Jochims 05/27
- Ann & Rich Thompson 05/28
- Lisa & Bryan Hill 05/29

**Meetings & Events**

- Education Tue May 11 @ 7
- Missions Tue May 11 @ 6
- Trustees Tue May 11 @ 7
- Fair Trade Thu May 20 @ 3:30
- Ad Council Thu May 20 @ 7

**Mission Corner >>>**



**Mission Opportunity: Take Away Hunger**— You are invited to join in a multigenerational, international mission service project! On Saturday, June 12, members of First UMC will be packing bags of enriched foodstuffs to send to poorly nourished people in places around the world. For one hour from 10 am to 11 am, participants, working together in an assembly line manner, will be able to pack meals for as many as 2,000 people! To place your name on the list to participate, please contact the office by Friday, June 4. Participants will need to be at Messiah Lutheran, 2411 West Avenue, Burlington, by 9:45 am on Saturday, June 12. For more information, please contact Ann Ure at 319-759-2990.

**Supplies Requested: Camp Kids**— We are gathering camping supplies for the five children of Bridges participants so they may have the necessary items to go to summer camp at Wesley Woods the week of July 5-9. A sign up chart for needed items is posted in the Loft office during the week and in the narthex on Sunday mornings. These are items such as insect repellent, sleeping bags, sunscreen, and duffel bags. A monetary donation to provide such items is also greatly appreciated. Please label your donation in your memo as “Bridges campers.” Thank you to all who have donated items already, including the UMW who are donating funds to provide a new pair of tennis shoes for each camper and to the LOFT Market Fair Trade Committee for donating funds for a new swimsuit for each camper.

**Thank You!**- Thank you to the Bell Choir who will be serving the May 4 Bridges meal!

**Helpers Needed: SUMM Meal**— Help is needed to provide and serve food for the hungry! On Thursday, May, 27, our church is responsible for preparing and serving the entree for the SUMM End of the Month Meal at Grace United Methodist Church. This meal will be packaged and delivered to people who drive up to the door. In recent months there have been over 100 people who have been served meals so we will need be prepared to serve as many as 125 people! The menu for the May 27th meal will be goulash, green beans, and French bread. If you are able to provide any of the following items, please contact Ann Ure (319-759-2990) or the church office:

- Crockpot (2 1/2 quart size) of goulash (6 crockpots are needed; your own recipe is great!
- Green beans for 25 people (5 units of 25 servings each are needed; we will heat the beans)
- Loaves of French bread (13 loaves are needed; please cut a loaf into 10 slices and butter)
- Five people are also needed to serve the meal.

If you are unable to help but would like to donate money for food, please write “SUMM meal” on the memo of your check.

**United Methodist Men**



In keeping with our long tradition, United Methodist Men will give live flowers to all the women of our church who are present on Mother’s Day, May 9th, to honor and thank you for the enriching service and love you show us and our church and community, every day. Also, UMM will honor Graduating Seniors and scholarship recipients on Senior Sunday, May 23rd!

**United Methodist Women**



**Upcoming Events-Mark your calendars!**

July 12, Monday-UMW will prepare dinner for all who would like to attend. Good way to visit with church members and friends. More info to follow!

September 20, Monday-UMW are planning a church potluck for anyone who wants to bring a dish to share. Good opportunity to catch up with friends!

November 7, Sunday-UMW are planning a Harvest Celebration. This year we are planning a silent auction and a bake sale. We will be asking for items for the auction and your favorite cookies, cakes, or breads to be donated!

**More info will be coming so save the dates!**

**Events/Meetings:** Executive Board-05/10 @ 3pm in LOFT Library  
 Quilters-Every Wednesday @ 8:30-12pm on 3rd LOFT  
 Miriam Circle- 05/17 @ 7pm  
 Sarah Circle-04/24 @9:30am on 2nd LOFT

**Thoughts from Joan**

On April 18<sup>th</sup> in Sunday School class, we were talking about how we need to change. My thoughts focused personally on faith and trust. I was reminded of another saying to add to my notebook cover. Since that discussion, this saying keeps floating through my mind. To me it is a statement of faith, trust, belief, and power! I sometimes question if my faith is strong enough, yet surely, I have as much faith as a mustard seed! And do I use my faith no matter how small or do I wait thinking I need more before I proceed? Do I have enough faith and trust in God to “threaten” its use?



My journey here at Burlington First has grown me! I depended on faith in several instances, even when I didn’t think I had enough, and I put my trust in God. Yes, it works! As we move forward, I transition out and Melisa comes back (She will be back in 1-2 months!), threaten the world with “I have a mustard seed and I am not afraid to use it!” Use your faith, grow your relationship with Jesus and others then fulfill God’s mission for you. It will work!

Matthew (13:31–32), Mark (4:30–32), and Luke (13:18–19).

Joan Rodgers-Interim Pastor

**Greetings from Shamrock Drive!**

Thank you for all the care and support during this medical leave. At this time, I continue to wait on the Iowa Annual Conference of the UMC for information regarding when I can return. I had hoped I could begin part time soon. However, we have not heard any details yet. On May 3, I begin physical therapy. Thank you for your continued ministry and mission in our corner of the Kingdom. I look forward to serving with you soon.

Rev. Melisa BW

**Our Financial Health >>>**

*Financial Numbers as of April 26, 2021*

Budgeted Income	\$110,200.17
Actual Income	\$63,529.26
Event Income	\$7,564.00
Total Income	\$71,093.26



Budgeted Expenses	\$111,409.84
Actual Expenses	\$32,829.60

2020 Apportionments have been paid in full. THANK YOU.

**Fair Trade Market >>>**

The LOFT Market has gifts from around the world!

So in this time when travel is still limited, you can still see unique things from exotic places made by artisans worldwide.

The LOFT Market is open Monday through Saturday from 11 to 3. Stop by and see something new from around the world!



**Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 8:30 am- 3:30 pm

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