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

Tidings



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

Missive from Mel

Human connection matters. That is a pretty obvious statement isn't it? We all know that, even those of us that are introverts. Embedded in our DNA is a need to connect with each other. It's who we are but living that out isn't always what we do. We get so busy doing and running and earning and working and and and...

When my son Oliver came to visit me last month we were at Hy-Vee to grab a few necessities and as we walked through the aisles, he commented that I was walking really fast. It seems that Hy-Vee is where I have my "Come to Jesus" moments because a few months ago, I had a similar realization as I was hurrying through Hy-Vee so much so that I didn't even make eye contact with one person while I was there. There isn't much chance for connection when you don't make it a priority.

Real human connection matters for all of us. It matters for those of us running through the store in need of a reminder to slow down and for those of us who are limited to our homes by illness or other circumstances. One of the ways our church community helps with that need for connection is through Congregational Care Ministers.

Our Congregational Care Ministers have committed to visiting church members in need of a listening ear and a kind word. Simply put, they are willing to take time to connect with folks. I give thanks for the people here willing to give their time and energy to such a wonderful ministry. Being active within the ministry of First UMC is valuable to everyone involved; those doing the visiting and those being visited. God is present and often visible in special moments when we are together and sharing God's love. I encourage each of you to make time to connect this week.

May we all be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Pastor Mel

Youth Education in May>>>

JUMP (Jesus, You, & Me Praying): meets every Sunday after the Children's Message for Bible lessons and crafts in the Church Lower Level!

Puppets of Praise: is on a break until school starts up again in the Fall. Stay tuned for more info!

Youth Library Books: Please check out the library books for youth (toddler-preteens) displayed in the back of the sanctuary. You can borrow for just the service or borrow to take home!

PB&J (Prayers, Blessings, & Jesus): is on a break until school starts up again in the Fall. Stay tuned for more info!

Youth Group: Attention: All 6th-12th graders! On May 21st, you are welcome to come and join us for mini golf! More info to follow in Pew News and church worship announcements.

VBS: Save the date for 2023 Vacation Bible School! The event runs Sunday June 11th - Thursday June 15th. This year's theme is "Everest"- Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power! FUMC is partnering up with First Christian Church. VBS will be held at their church from 5-7:15 p.m. with dinner provided, music, games, and Bible lessons. Look for the sign up link on the FUMC Facebook page, and our website!



*Up to date news found in
Pew News >>>*

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

Contact us at 319-754-8421

www.umcburl.org

Facebook: fumcburlington



Celebrations >>>
Birthdays

Chuck Siekman 05/01
Margaret Wozniak 05/01
Andrea Hartman 05/02
Bonnie Kendell 05/04
Chase Williams 05/04
Marc Pilger 05/07
Rachel Cassabon 05/10
De'Andre Davis 05/10
Ben Cone 05/11
Kahri Plein 05/11
Allysa Starbuck 05/11
Sandie Bickel 05/13
Curtis Flatt 05/14
Ava Fritz 05/16
Cindy Brown 05/17
Jamie Smith 05/17
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
Tom Stoller 05/31



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

Anniversaries

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

Mission Corner >>>



May 25th is the date that First UMC will be providing the desserts and drinks, and doing the dish washing for the End of the Month meal at Grace UMC. If you are able to help prepare two dozen servings of a dessert, contribute milk, or help to do the wash up, please sign up at the bulletin board at the back of the worship sanctuary!

Life and Laughter Sunday School class is preparing and serving the evening Building Bridges meal on Tuesday, May 2nd. The Inspiration Bell Ringers will be providing a picnic meal with sandwiches for the June Bridges' meal when the Building Bridges class will be going to Polmiller Park.

Thank you for your donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief on UMCOR Sunday, March 19. Over \$480.00 was donated.

The special offering taken on Easter is going to support the ministry for the incarcerated women at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville, IA. Your kind donations totaled over \$520.

Thank you!

Thank you for your donation to the April Quiet Ministry, Matthew 25:40 Fund. Local people with limited finances often stop by the Loft office, requesting a bit of help with basics like bus tokens, clothing, and food. Your kind gift allows our church staff to be helpful.

The May 14th Quiet Ministry offering will be given to support the Burlington Area Homeless Shelter to serve those in our community without homes.

The Loft office and the Welcome Center at the back of the sanctuary are both places where you can buy Hy-Vee grocery gift cards. When you purchase the gift card, Hy-Vee donates five per cent of the price back to the church. This five per cent is used to support our international missionary, Patrick Booth, in Cambodia as he trains individuals who have escaped human trafficking to develop construction skills so they may have the means to build a brighter future.

United Women in Faith >>>



United Women in Faith

Events/Meetings for the month of May:

Executive Board-05/08 at 3:00 P.M. in LOFT Library
Golden Valley District Exec Board-05/13
Miriam Circle-05/15 at 7:00 P.M. hosted by Claudine Capps
Sarah Circle-05/22 at 9:30 A.M. on LOFT Second

The church has a **Prayer Shawl Ministry** that is meeting again. If there are persons who knit or crochet and would like to join the group, we will meet **April 18th at 10:30 A.M. on LOFT 1st.**

Adult Education in May >>>

Brunch Bunch meets in Room 217 at 10:10 on Sundays. Check with Jim Corder for more information!

The Life and Laughter class continues to meet after Sunday service. They have been discussing Pastor Mel's sermons. This class meets in the Choir Room after church. All are welcome to join!

Walking Club

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

Month of May:

Week of 05/01-Aspen Grove Week of 05/08-GRMC
Week of 05/15-Perkins Park Week of 05/22-Along the river
Week of 05/29 (no meeting on Monday, Memorial Day)-RecPlex

Softball 2023

CO-ED SOFTBALL PLAYERS NEEDED, NOW AND FOREVER!! Contact David Ure (319-759-3911) or Dane Feenstra in the church office (319-754-8421) for details. The season begins June 13th, a Tuesday.

CAT Survey

Did you see that CAT??? We need your input. Starting **May 7th** we are asking you to go online and fill out an important survey to help our church make better decisions faster. This survey will help your new pastor begin ministry here with as much information as possible. This CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool) will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping the leaders of First UMC Burlington as they make decisions about the future of the our church. Stay tuned for more information. If you have questions you can ask Pastor Mel or any of the SPRC members. The link to the survey will be available May 7th in a special edition of the Pew News.

Snake Alley Art Fair 2023

FUMC will be participating in the Snake Alley Art Fair! We will set up our lemonade shake-up stand to sell beverages during the event, but we will need volunteers to help set up beforehand, work the stand, and tear down afterwards. No experience necessary! There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary very soon, so make sure to grab your favorite slot early.

Our Financial Health >>>

Financial Information as of
April 24, 2023

Budgeted Income	\$ 113,024.50
Actual Income	\$ 111,335.83
Event Income	\$ 10,321.75
Total Income	\$ 121,657.58

Budgeted Expenses	\$ 112,865.61
Actual Expenses	\$ 81,284.17



—LOFT Market News—

Each year in the spring the Fair Trade Committee donates funds from sales of the fair trade goods in the LOFT Market to local charitable institutions. This spring the committee is donating \$800.00 to each of the three following groups: National Alliance on Mental Illness—Southeast Iowa, Burlington Area Community Action, and Domestic Violence Intervention Program, Journey House, Burlington.

When you shop for fair trade goods at the LOFT Market, you are not only helping empower workers in developing countries to lead self sustaining lives, you are also making it possible for local charitable groups to receive support from fair trade.

Helping others by shopping, what could be more fun!

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Reverend

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Betty Bankş

Childcare Providers:

Shelby Trafton & Racheal Fenton
Nikki Davis & Riley Richards

Live Stream and Tech

Shawn Johnson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service-Puppets 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 12pm - L1-Glaser Shower 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous	7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 2pm - National Alliance on Mental 4pm - VB-Banks 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 6pm - Four Oaks 6:30pm - CB-Prayer Group	8am - Tuesday Guys 9am - Heritage Baptist 9am - Mahjong 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Building Bridges 7:30pm - Treble Clef	7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 9:45am - Hope Haven 3pm - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter 5:15pm - FUMC Softball	4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 9am - Pickleball-Becker 10am - Pickleball-Becker 4pm - Basketball-Porter 5pm - Basketball-Gay	11am - L1-McLeland Shower 11am - Vance Funeral 2pm - Basketball-Rigdon
7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service-Balls 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 12pm - Bridges Shower 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous	7:30am - Walking Club-GRMC 3pm - United Women in Faith- 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	8am - Tuesday Guys 8:30am - Lower Child Advocacy 9am - Mahjong 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Building Bridges 6pm - Missions 7pm - Education	7:30am - Walking Club-GRMC 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter 5:15pm - FUMC Softball 6:30pm - Inspiration Ringers	9am - Bible Conversations Around 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	7:30am - Walking Club-GRMC 10am - Pickleball-Becker 4pm - Basketball-Porter 5pm - Basketball-Gay	2pm - Basketball-Rigdon 5pm - L2-Codillon
Mother's Day 7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous	7:30am - Walking Club-Perkins 12pm - P. E. O. 2pm - National Alliance on Mental 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 6:30pm - CB-Prayer Group 7pm - United Women in Faith- 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	8am - Tuesday Guys 9am - Mahjong 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Building Bridges	7:30am - Walking Club-Perkins 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 10am - Hope Haven 12:15pm - Burlington Lunchtime 3pm - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter 5:15pm - FUMC Softball	10:30am - Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:30pm - Fair Trade 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5pm - Bridges Training 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 6pm - Bal Cantu Board 6pm - Trustees 7pm - Ad Council	7:30am - Walking Club-Perkins 10am - Pickleball-Becker 4pm - Basketball-Porter 5pm - Basketball-Gay 5pm - L2-WB Promotion	8am - L2-Lee Reception 8:30am - Cone Memorial 2pm - Basketball-Rigdon
7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 1pm - L1-Carl Shower 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous	7:30am - Walking Club-Along the 9:30am - United Women in Faith- 5pm - Girl Scouts 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	8am - Tuesday Guys 9am - Mahjong 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Building Bridges	7:30am - Walking Club-Along the 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter 5:15pm - FUMC Softball 6:30pm - Inspiration Ringers 7pm - Basketball-Gay	9am - Bible Conversations Around 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	7:30am - Walking Club-Along the 10am - Pickleball-Becker 4pm - Basketball-Porter 5pm - Basketball-Gay	2pm - Basketball-Rigdon 2pm - L1-Thomann Open House
7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 1pm - L1-Carl Shower 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous	Memorial Day 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	8am - Tuesday Guys 9am - Mahjong 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Building Bridges	7:30am - Walking Club-RecFlex 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 10:30am - Tour Group 3pm - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter	First Day of LGBT+ Pride Month 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	7:30am - Walking Club-RecFlex 10am - Pickleball-Becker 4pm - Basketball-Porter 5pm - Basketball-Gay	10:30am - L2-King Reception 2pm - Basketball-Rigdon

Church Leadership 2023

Ad Council	
<i>Council Chair-</i>	John Phillips
<i>Reverend-</i>	Melanie Greengo
<i>Council/Finance Secretary-</i>	Jesse Saar
<i>Education Chair-</i>	Sue Dichraff
<i>Endowment Chair-</i>	Darven Kendell
<i>Finance Chair-</i>	Tim Seibert
<i>Lay Leader-</i>	Karen Piper
<i>Lay Member AC-</i>	Andree Halden
<i>Mission Chair-</i>	Ann Ure
<i>SPRC Chair-</i>	Pati Toops
<i>Treasurer-</i>	Dane Feenstra
<i>Trustee Chair-</i>	Dave Miller
<i>UWFaith Co Chair-</i>	Marilyn Lancaster
<i>Co Chair-</i>	Mary Taeger
<i>UMM Chair-</i>	Jim Corder
<i>At Large-</i>	Vicki Wischmeier

Education
 Sue Dichraff
 Janet Brissey
 Andrea Hartman
 Kahri Plein
 Lori Rockwell
 Cindy Seibert

Endowment
 Darven Kendell 23
 Jim Corder 23
 Howard Toops 23
 Carl Brueck 24
 Amy Cox 24
 Jerry Jochims 24
 Cindy Brown 25
 Barb Carter 25

Fair Trade
 Ann Ure
 Cheryl Almack
 Terri Elliott
 Cheryl Jones
 Marilyn Lancaster
 Dana Readinger
 Mary Taeger

Finance
 Tim Seibert 25
 Roger Stauffacher 24
 Cheryl Jones 25
 Ernie Voigt 25

Memorial
 Barb Miller 23
 Barb Evans 24
 Fran Tillman 25

Missions
 Ann Ure
 Patty Neal
 Janet Owens
 Roxy Riessen
 Randy Ross
 Fran Thomaston

SPRC
 Pati Toops 24
 Dave Camp 25
 Cheryl Almack 25
 Shauna Frietag
 Barry Halden
 Dave Ure 25

Trustees
 Dave Miller 25
 Bob Adams 25
 Bryan Hill
 Gale Lofgren 25