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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

"to live in this world

you must be able
to do three things
to love what is mortal;
to hold it

against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go"

Mary Oliver said those words in her poem Blackwater Woods. It speaks so well to the necessity of connection and alludes also to the pain of letting those connections go.

It will soon be time for us to let go of ministry together, at least together physically. You will continue in ministry here in Burlington and I will encounter new adventures in Mason City. However, we are all followers of the same Jesus. We serve the same God in the same conference of that United Methodist Church. I love that in the much larger sense, we never let go of those connections. We will continue to serve God and make this world a better place to the very best of our ability.

The ministry we have done together lives on in the lives of those who have experienced God's love through us. That ministry will never come to an end, but we do let go of our day to day time together. As I leave, I hold in prayer each of you and the ministry of Burlington First. I pray that together with your next pastor you continue to serve God, know God's love and love your neighbor. In the end, that's what we are called to do.

Be still and know God is God
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Be still and know God
Be still and know
Be still
Be

Pastor Mel

Pastor Mel's last day in the pulpit will be June 11th. We invite everyone to wear your brightest colors to celebrate the time we have had together.

Youth Education in June>>>

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!

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

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

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

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Celebrations >>>
Birthdays

John Cavanah 06/01
 Amy O'Brien 06/01
 Ethan Zaiser 06/01
 Norah Harris 06/03
 Heather Brueck 06/04
 Kara Stoner 06/06
 Mike Westfall 06/07
 William Almack 06/08
 Larry Crabtree 06/09
 Dudley Cone 06/11
 Jessica Davis 06/13
 Oliver Cone 06/14
 Janet Brissey 06/15
 Mark Taylor 06/15
 Landon Wynn 06/15
 Lexi Wynn 06/15
 Marion Bennett 06/16
 Nicholas Hagen 06/17
 Jim Masengarb 06/18
 Carol Zaiser 06/21
 Parker Davis 06/22
 Dana Williams 06/22
 Lynn Egan 06/24
 Ed Fort 06/24
 Tim Seibert 06/25
 John Almack 06/27
 Mel Greengo 06/27
 Cooper Crose 06/29
 Kay Hagen 06/29
 Alicia Kelley 06/29
 Lisa Babcook 06/30
 Anthony Hoffman 06/30
 Landon Wells-Carter 06/30

Anniversaries

Paul & Lisa Babcook 06/02
 John & Margaret Wozniak 06/03
 Mick & Vera Anderson 06/07
 Ed & Lois Fort 06/11
 Barry & Andree Halden 06/11
 Bob & Judy Adams 06/13
 Jim & Barb Evans 06/15
 John & Roxy Riessen 06/20
 Bill & Linda Pilger 06/22
 David & Ann Ure 06/23
 Duane & Andrea Hartman 06/24

Mission Corner >>>



Our congregation will have the honor and opportunity to Take Away Hunger! We will be packaging nutritious meals that will feed over 2,000 starving people in refugee camps around the world. And this can all be done in one hour!

From 10 to 11 am on Saturday, August 5 at Messiah Lutheran Church, you are invited to be a part of this service. Watch for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary!

Thank you to all those who washed the dishes and those who provided desserts and drinks for the End of the Month meal at Grace UMC on Thursday, May 25th! Your service and goodies are appreciated by the local Burlington hungry people attending!

Thank you to the Life and Laughter Sunday School class for preparing and serving the Building Bridges meal May 2nd! Your teamwork in serving and good food were remarkable!

The Quiet Ministry on May 21st, the third Sunday of the month, went to help the Burlington Area Homeless Shelter provide food and housing for local residents who are unable to have housing of their own. Thank you for your kind gift! If you were unable to give at that time, you may still give your gift of love in the weekly offering or at the church office.

Our church's Matthew 25:40 fund will be the recipient of the June Quiet Ministry on June 18th.

At the May meeting, the Mission Committee designated that our annual financial covenant contributions with Women at the Well and Building Bridges be paid. Donations for UMCOR—Aid to Ukraine were sent, and a donation to the Burlington NAACP for the Juneteenth celebration was given.

Farewell to Pastor Mel

Please join the First United Methodist Church of Burlington, Iowa in celebration of our current pastor, Melanie Greengo, on Sunday, June 11th, directly after our traditional 9:00 a.m. worship service as she leaves our congregation for Mason City, Iowa as her new appointment.

FUMC will be hosting a potluck over in the LOFT building on Second Floor. The SPRC Committee will be providing the meat and drinks for the meal, but anyone that is willing and able to is free to contribute to this meal as well. While preparing your food for the potluck, please refrain from using the following ingredients, as Pastor Mel is allergic: *bananas, balsamic vinegar, plantains, peaches, blueberries, melon, cilantro, pineapple, coriander, pears, kiwi, mango, grapes, anything with artificial coloring (for example. Blue #1, Red #40, etc. Any color with a number behind it), raisins, and wine.*

For those interested in giving a love gift to Pastor Mel, you may bring your gift to the LOFT Office during regular weekday hours of operation, or please feel free to bring your gift to the potluck.

United Women in Faith >>>

Events/Meetings for the month of June:

Executive Board: **None in June**
 Iowa Annual Conference: 06/02-06/04
 UWFaith Gathering at Annual Conference-Lunch: **06/03**
 Miriam Circle: 06/19 at 6:00 P.M. **located at Perkins Park**



United Women in Faith

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 **June 15th at 10:30 A.M. on LOFT 1st.**

Adult Education in June >>>

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 June:

Week of 06/05-Crapo Park Week of 06/12-Aspen Grove
 Week of 06/19-GRMC Week of 06/26-Perkins Park

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.

Snake Alley Art Fair 2023

FUMC will be participating in the Snake Alley Art Fair on Sunday, June 18th! 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 is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary, so make sure to grab your favorite slot early.

Also, we are still in need of 4lb bags of sugar for the lemonade shake-up mix recipe. Please bring all bagged sugar donations to the LOFT Office during weekday hours of operation!



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

Our Financial Health >>>

Financial Information as of
 May 30, 2023

Budgeted Income	\$ 147,756.99
Actual Income	\$ 134,446.87
Event Income	\$ 12,971.75
Total Income	\$ 147,418.62

Budgeted Expenses	\$ 147,549.44
Actual Expenses	\$ 132,842.87



—LOFT Market News—

Although construction on Jefferson Street in front of the LOFT Market constricts access to our fair trade store, we are still open for business!

Bird houses, earrings, coffee, pillows, and elephant poop cards are some of the many unique handcrafted items that are available as gifts from you to your unique friends!

Office Hours

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

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Childcare Providers:
 Shelby Trafton & Racheal Fenton
 Nikki Davis & Riley Richards

Live Stream and Tech
 Shawn Johnson

Jun 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 1pm - L1-Carl Shower 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous	29 Memorial Day Office Closed 4:15pm - VB-Banks 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	30 8am - Tuesday Guys 9am - Mahjong 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Building Bridges	31 7:30am - Walking Club-RecPlex 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 9am - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter 5:15pm - FUMC Softball	1 First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month 4pm - Basketball-Parker 4:30pm - Farmers Market 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	2 L2-King Rehearsal 7:30am - Walking Club-RecPlex 3pm - VB-Banks 4pm - Basketball-Porter 5pm - Basketball-Gay	3 10:30am - L2-King Reception 2pm - Basketball-Rigdon
4 7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 12pm - L1-Yeager Graduation 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous	5 7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 2pm - National Alliance on Mental 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 6:30pm - CB-Prayer Group 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	6 8am - Tuesday Guys 9am - Heritage Baptist 9am - Mahjong 4pm - Basketball-Parker 7:30pm - Treble Clef	7 7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 9:45am - Hope Haven 3pm - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter	8 4pm - Basketball-Parker 4:30pm - Farmers Market 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	9 7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 4pm - Basketball-Porter 5pm - Basketball-Gay	10 1pm - L1-Patton Shower 2pm - Basketball-Rigdon
11 5pm - VBS-FUMC/1st Christian 7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service-Bells 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - Farewell Potluck 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 2pm - L2-Jones Graduation 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous	12 7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	13 8am - Tuesday Guys 8:30am - Iowa Child Advocacy 9am - Mahjong 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Building Bridges 6pm - Missions 7pm - Education	14 Flag Day 7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter 6:30pm - Inspiration Ringers 7pm - Basketball-Gay	15 10:30am - Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:30pm - Fair Trade 4pm - Basketball-Parker 4:30pm - Farmers Market 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 6pm - Bel Canto Board 6pm - Trustees 7pm - Ad Council	16 7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 4pm - Basketball-Porter 5pm - Basketball-Gay	17 L1-Schenk Shower 10am - Jewett Funeral 12pm - Jewett Lunch 2pm - Basketball-Rigdon
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25 7:30am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 1pm - CB-Hazle Party 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous	26 7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 4:15pm - VB-Banks 5pm - Girl Scouts 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 6:30pm - CB-Prayer Group 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	27 8am - Tuesday Guys 9am - Mahjong 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Building Bridges	28 7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter 6:30pm - Inspiration Ringers 7pm - Basketball-Gay	29 4pm - Basketball-Parker 4:30pm - Farmers Market 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	30 7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen 4pm - Basketball-Porter 5pm - Basketball-Gay	1 2pm - Basketball-Rigdon

Merry Christmas!

No, wait! That's not right.

That's not the celebration that this is about.

What would be another reason to be writing this for you?

Dave and Ann Ure are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary!

Yes, after a bit of discussion about how few and far between life celebrations can be and how most of them, anymore, seem to be celebrations of life, involving wearing black, we have decided to have a bit of a party.

So, we will be having an open house at the Loft from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday, July 8, 2023!

We hope that you can join us!

If you are able to RSVP by Monday, July 3, our kids would appreciate it so that they know how much food to prepare. (Email: annlucilleure@gmail.com or message/phone Ann at 319-759-2990)

But if you can't respond by then, and wake up on the 8th of July, stretch out your arms, and yell, "Road Trip!" please feel free to jump in the car and come!