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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

## New Life, New Ministry

A few years ago, FUMC's old choir robes were listed for free on the Conference website. Rev. Cephas Davis, Pastor at Grace UMC in Brooklyn, IA, contacted the church office about a potential use for what FUMC no longer needed. The robes now have a home in Margibi, Liberia West Africa at Peter Jeru Memorial United Methodist Church of the Liberia Annual UMC. What a wonderful way for us to share our love of Jesus Christ, then with followers and believers that we will never meet! Below, please take a look at what our faith can do when we all work and communicate together:



## Youth Education in July>>>

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

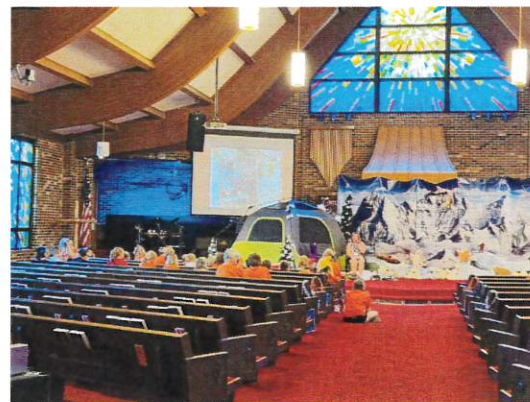
**Puppets of Praise:** is on a break until school starts up again in the Fall. Stay tuned for more info!

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

**Please enjoy the VBS pictures!**  
 (more on cover)



*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**

- Dan Egan 07/01
- Jeremy Murphy 07/01
- Ron Piper 07/03
- Grace Fenton 07/04
- Liza Heubner 07/04
- Alexander Taylor 07/04
- Julia Anderson 07/05
- Barb Cameron 07/05
- Audrey Cone 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
- Lori Badberg 07/11
- Kristi Westfall 07/11
- Lee Cone 07/12
- Sarah Crabtree 07/12
- Bob Adams 07/14
- Kylie Westfall 07/14
- Kaya Plein 07/16
- Connie Schleif 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
- Rachel Oliverio 07/22
- Jerry Rigdon 07/22
- Duane Hartman 07/24
- Dawson Ferguson 07/25
- Barry Halden 07/25
- Rita Flatt 07/26
- Christian Bracht-Wagner 07/28
- Haley Cone 07/29

**Anniversaries**

- Darven & Lara Kendall 07/02
- Roger & Sue Stauffacher 07/06
- Richard & Janet Eggenberger 07/07
- Rob & Audrey Halden 07/07
- Mark & Jan Alter 07/09
- John & Paulette Cavanah 07/09
- Mark & Mary Taylor 07/16
- David & Tammy Yotter 07/16
- Scott & Nina Zaiser 07/17
- Bill & Sharyn Blake 07/18
- John & Barb Schulz 07/23
- Don & Gale Lofgren 07/25
- Jerry & Julie Anderson 07/28
- Blake & Julia Dichraff 07/28
- Tim & Tina Goodwin 07/30
- Frank & Ann Hills 07/30

**Mission Corner >>>**



07/01 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!

07/04 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!

07/05 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!

07/07 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!

07/08 The Quiet Ministry on June 18th, the third Sunday of last month, went to help our church's Matthew 25:40 fund. This money is used to help the needy in our community by purchasing bus tokens and various other financial forms of support. 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.

07/12 The Domestic Violence Intervention Program will be the recipient of the July Quiet Ministry on July 16th.

07/14 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.

**Help Us Welcome New Members!**

*New Members received during March 12th Sunday Worship Service:*

- John Rockwell
- Stephen & Erin Cullen
- Ernie & Linda Voigt
- Mike & Mary Dolan
- Wes & Lori Badberg
- Brandon Erickson
- Matt & Sam Cardin
- Sarah Roark
- Rev. Erik Folkers

*Baptisms so far in 2023:*

- Tyler Wesley, Lucas William, & Porter Matthew Cardin
- Kathryn Suerrette Cullen
- Leopold Nathaniel Fritz

**United Women in Faith >>>**

**Events/Meetings** for the month of July:

- Executive Board: **None in July**
- Miriam Circle: 07/17 at 7:00 P.M. **Host-Wendy Zick**



United Women in Faith

**Adult Education in July >>>**

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

**The Life and Laughter class** has resumed the video and discussion regarding Oberammergau, The Passion Play. 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 07/03-Along the river (**no Monday**)

Week of 07/10-Rec Plex

Week of 07/17-Crapo Park

Week of 07/24-Aspen Grove

Week of 07/31-GRMC

**PAINT A THON UPDATE**

Unfortunately, Sue Stauffacher will not be able to be the FUMC 2023 Paint-A-Thon team leader. If anyone is interested in taking this position this year, please contact Sue at #319-601-9300 or the FUMC church office at #319-754-8421 ASAP. If no one steps up to lead this volunteer project, but a person still wants to volunteer to paint, please contact Aaron Baltisberger or Brooke Henry at Two Rivers Bank #319-753-9100 to be placed on a team. (FYI- our Faith-Trinity Lutheran Church partner team for the last several years will not be having a volunteer team this year.)



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

**Our Financial Health >>>**

*Financial Information as of June 26, 2023*

Budgeted Income	\$ 174,493.97
Actual Income	\$ 147,494.50
Event Income	\$ 14,030.50
Total Income	\$ 161,525.00



Budgeted Expenses	\$ 174,248.97
Actual Expenses	\$ 157,306.78



**—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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Nikki Davis & Riley Richards

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