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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

Pastor Dan's Desk,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. On behalf of my family, I thank God for the blessings of ministry serving First UMC, Burlington. The Administrative Council and the different Committee, SPRC, Trustee, Women of Faith, (involving Dodi in your ministry), Life and Laughter Sunday group and the entire congregation for your welcoming spirit and the preparation of the parsonage for our moved. Words are not enough to thank you for your hospitality (the food, beautiful flowers and the frequent asked question, "are you settled", please let us know or we're just a text away) and extended help.

I thank God for the opportunity to meet and work with the Church Staff, Education, Mission, Worship, the quilters group, the members who tend the ministry of the store, the ministry of the loft with open doors helping the children of God seeking refuge and longing to quench their thirst not only with water, food, clothing, accommodation, but the words of comfort and hope in their presence.

As I gradually explore the ministry in the Community, I was able to attend different functions, aside from the ministerial task of visiting members caring and attending their needs. Through different organizations and government agencies (UMM, Women of Faith, Kiwanis, Rotary, Lodge, BBB, Police Dept., Fire Dept. and music ministry at Crapo Park) has open a path and glimpse of vast ministry ahead of us.

Our church (First, UMC) is known to be the biggest in downtown, quoting from a person I met in one of the organization meetings. I don't know what's in his mind when he said that. Is he referring to a number of members or the fruits of the holy spirit of your labor visible in the community. Thank God and thank you for your ministry through the years.

My dear children of God the harvest is plenty, but the workers are few. As we prioritize the ministry to our children, youth, young adult and the elderly, the extended ministry to serve the community is a symbol of God's continuing presence and fulfillment of God's promises. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

As I embarked in my third week as your servant leader, I asked your continued prayers and support. I believe that we can work together walking hand in hand, side by side with God leading our path.

I'm blessed for we're doing the ministry together and the wonderful spirit of fellowship worshipping with you all every Sunday. Thank you. God bless us all. "To God be the Glory".

In Christ Service,

Pastor Dan

Psalms 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God! (NRSV)

Youth Education in August>>>

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: A new season of Puppets of Praise will begin soon. This year we are going to try something new! Practices will be for 4 weeks prior to a performance. It is our hope with this shorter time commitment, we will get more people interested in this ministry. Anyone third grade and up is invited to participate – that means adults too! And a reminder to our youth that POP counts towards silver cord hours!

Our first performance will be *Journey with Jesus*, Saturday morning, October 21st at First Christian Church. This is a retreat for adults with disabilities and POP has provided the entertainment for many years. It is a highlight for those attending and a fun event for our puppeteers too! We need a minimum of 8 puppeteers for this event. This is a great opportunity for families to do something together. Practices will be Sunday evenings from 6 to 7 PM on the third floor of the LOFT – September 24, October 1, 8, and 15.

Our second performance will be Thursday, December 8th for Living Windows. This is another fun event where we showcase our puppet ministry in the front windows of the LOFT. Practices will be November 5, 12, 19 and December 3 (we will skip Thanksgiving weekend). This requires two teams – a minimum of 16 people.

We will also need a few people to be the stage crew – to set up and tear down our puppet staging. No puppeteering need for this!

Please prayerfully think about how you can participate in this unique ministry here at First UMC. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or you can let Dane or Melanie Sullivan know you are interested.

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): will start on Wednesday September 13th for grades PreK-5th. It will run from 5:30-7pm and include a meal, Bible lesson, and games. We are in need of Bible lesson and Games teachers, and youth helpers. Please contact Sue Dichraff at 319-759-4884!



Contact us at 319-754-8421
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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.

Live Music!

The Men's Group sang a patriotic medley from the balcony in church on Sunday, July 2nd. Pictured from left to right: Chip Readinger, Don Lofgren, Jerry Jochims, Dane Feenstra



Celebrations >>>
Birthdays

Macey Crose 08/01
Keaton Hoschek 08/02
Linda Pilger 08/02
Taden Jameson 08/04
Ross Alexander 08/06
Cleo Babcook 08/06
Jessica Kendell 08/06
Geneva McWhirter 08/07
Aeva Babcook 08/08
Tommy Hoffman 08/08
Jim Evans 08/10
Lincoln Freitag 08/11
Blake Dichraff 08/14
Mary Taeger 08/14
Joy Witte 08/14
Nicole Fritz 08/16
Duane Hendrichsen 08/16
Mallory Alter 08/17
Joseph Knight-Ford 08/18
Riley Richards 08/18
Melodee Kennedy 08/19
Marilyn Rheinschmidt 08/19
Kamden Stotlar 08/19
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 08/30
Selleck Davis 08/31

Anniversaries

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

Mission Corner >>>



School starts in August! You will be seeing back to school sales very soon. Each year First UMC collects school supplies for children in developing countries who are not able to purchase school supplies themselves for the United Methodist Church's annual Ingathering. Would you help provide these items?
Plastic grocery bags with the school supply list stapled onto them will be passed out after worship on Sunday, July 30th, and extras will be available on the tall, round tables at the back of the sanctuary.
Please return your bag of school supplies to a tub at the back of the sanctuary or in the Loft office by Sunday, October 8th. Mission Committee will pack the bags and deliver them to the Ingathering collection site at the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.
The items that are needed are, as follows: 3 notebooks (1 subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2") 1 ruler (12" with metric), 6 pencils (unsharpened), 1 pencil sharpener, 1 eraser (2" or larger), 1 box of 12 colored pencils, 1 box of 24 crayons, and 1 pair of student scissors.
Helpers sure needed for the Thursday, August 31st, End of the Month Meal at Grace UMC to prepare the entree and to serve it. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the back of the church as soon as possible!
There is still time to be part of a group who will Take Away Hunger! Saturday, August 5th, from 10 to 11 am, volunteers from First UMC will be working together in an assembly line fashion to bag healthy, nutritional food items into baggies which will be sent to starving people in refugee camps or other places where there is a severe shortage of food.
It's fun! it's helpful! If you would like to be a part of this group, please sign up after worship at the bulletin board at the back of the church.
As you go grocery shopping, remember it is a blessing to buy a few extra items to put in the grocery cart at the back of the sanctuary for the Community Action Food Pantry!
Hy-Vee shoppers can purchase grocery gift cards at the Welcome Center or at the Loft office. Five per cent of the purchase value of each card comes back to the church to support or missionary, Patrick Booth, who is working in Cambodia to teach people who have escaped human trafficking to learn the construction trade.
The Brunch Bunch Sunday School Class will be providing the Building Bridges meal on Tuesday, September, 5th. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE !

This is an invitation to attend a Special Event, and hear a report from our recent CAT Survey! You may remember taking the online survey in May. The results have been tabulated and Ryan Christenson, Associate Director for Congregational Excellence with the Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church, will be presenting the results on Sunday, August 20th immediately following our Sunday morning church service at approximately 10:30 A.M. in the sanctuary. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Watch for more details in our weekly Pew News!

United Women in Faith >>>

Events/Meetings for the month of August:

Executive Board: **None in August**
Vision and Views and Connections Articles Due: **08/01**
Golden Valley Executive Board Meeting: **08/12 – Bloomfield**
Conference Leadership Team Meeting: **08/19**
Miriam Circle: 08/21 at 6:00 P.M. **Host-Mary Taeger**
Quilting Group: Meets at 9:00 A.M. every Wednesday on **LOFT Third.**



United Women in Faith

Adult Education in August >>>

The Brunch Bunch is on break for the summer. 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 August:

Week of 08/07-Perkins Park
Week of 08/14-Along the river
Week of 08/21-Rec Plex
Week of 08/28-Crapo Park

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 July 26, 2023

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Budgeted Income | \$ 203,405.72 |
| Actual Income | \$ 163,335.44 |
| Event Income | \$ 16,703.97 |
| Total Income | \$ 180,039.41 |

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| Budgeted Expenses | \$ 203,120.27 |
| Actual Expenses | \$ 182,138.26 |



—LOFT Market News—

Jefferson Street in front of the Loft Market is open! Come in and see what fun items are available. Your purchases help artisans in developing countries lead a self sustaining life!

Office Hours

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

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Nikki Davis & Riley Richards

Live Stream and Tech
Shawn Johnson

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------|
| <p>9am - Worship Service 10/15am - Adult Sunday School 12pm - L1-Skalinis Shower 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 2pm - Basketball-Gay 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous</p> | <p>7:30am - Walking Club-GRMC 4:15pm - VB-Banks 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown</p> | <p>8am - Tuesday Guys 9am - Heritage Baptist 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Building Bridges 7:30pm - Treble Clef</p> | <p>7:30am - Walking Club-GRMC 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 9:45am - Hope Haven 3pm - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter 6:30pm - Inspiration Ringers</p> | <p>4pm - Basketball-Parker 4:30pm - Farmers Market 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown</p> | <p>7:30am - Walking Club-GRMC 4pm - Basketball-Porter 4:30pm - Jackson Party 5pm - Basketball-Gay</p> | |
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| <p>9am - Worship Service 10/15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - CAT Survey 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 12:30pm - L2-Potluck 2pm - Basketball-Gay 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous</p> | <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Crupo Park 4:15pm - VB-Banks 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown</p> | <p>8am - Tuesday Guys 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Building Bridges</p> | <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Crupo Park 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter 6:30pm - Inspiration Ringers 7pm - Basketball-Gay</p> | <p>4pm - Basketball-Parker 4:30pm - Farmers Market 5:30pm - Bridges Training 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown</p> | <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Crupo Park 4pm - Basketball-Porter 5pm - Basketball-Gay</p> | |
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