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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

From Pastor Dan's Desk,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Tidings is one of the official communications of Burlington, First UMC. A space where we can receive information about the life of the church. The ongoing church roof maintenance, day to day ministry of the Loft office catering the needs of God's children stopping by seeking help. The women of faith ministry in the fair trade, providing free bread on Thursday and various ministry of local NGO housed in our facilities. And not to forget to mention the volunteers who silently do menial jobs keeping the ministry going. Majority of our parishioners knows about this ministry and I believe that it is continue to be shared to the people we met and to the community.

We thank God for this ministry that our congregation has sustained for decade. Aside from this, the bible reminds us about this text "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who brings good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!".
Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)

Glad tidings that can resurrect, uplift, encourage, motivate and can save one's soul for the glory of God's Kingdom. I believe that we all have our different ministries. Whether you're still active or retired in your profession, businesses, or by living your faith in day today life, you always have the opportunity to share the glad tidings in life.

One glad tidings from our church based on the recent (CAT survey) Congregation Assessments Tool, we're able to know the priorities to fulfill the mission of the church. We can stay in focus in our purpose which is, "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world". We can stay focus in our prayer and the transparency to commit ourselves to the task set before us.

Another glad tidings is the priority in reaching out our members. We are in the process of completing names who will be receiving information on how to ignite and re-unite our church membership relationship. We are excited to know what are the things (ministry, fellowship, mission, sharing visions, etc.) you loved and missed doing in our church.

Do you have glad tidings to share, come and join us not only on Sunday morning@9am, worship service. But, also your life experience, dreams and visions are blessings from God that will help us to fulfill the goals and mission of our church. Thank you all for your gifts, talents, time and presence. To God be the Glory! God bless us all.

Pastor Dan G. Fernandez

Youth Education in September>>>>

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!

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

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**Celebrations >>>
Birthdays**

- Cayden Starbuck 09/01
- Alan Hanks 09/04
- Kris Hanks 09/05
- Scott Spear 09/08
- Greg Cameron 09/09
- Gloria DeVilbiss 09/10
- Barb Miller 09/10
- Lilly Sinclair 09/11
- Bill Blake 09/14
- Braxton Hutchinson 09/14
- Kiana O'Brien 09/14
- Dave Ure 09/14
- Cayson O'Brien 09/15
- Barb Schulz 09/18
- Connor Rockwell 09/20
- Eric Wozniak 09/22
- Janet Armstrong 09/23
- Jerry Zick 09/23
- Burr Japsen 09/24
- Marilyn Lancaster 09/24
- Vicki Wischmeier 09/24
- Sarah Cockrell 09/26
- Bryan Hill 09/27
- Robert Rowley 09/29
- Hanna Hagen 09/30
- Thelma Odell 09/30
- Kristi Zick 09/30
- Dane Feenstra 09/30

Anniversaries

- Curtis & Rita Flatt 09/03
- Rick & Vicki Koeller 09/04
- Derek & Kori Stotlar 09/04
- Adam & Kahri Plein 09/05
- Tyler & Melinda Bickel 09/08
- Laverne & Patty Neal 09/13
- Tobias & Suzanne Lunsford 09/21
- Howard & Pati Toops 09/22
- Tim & Cindy Seibert 09/25
- Duane & Sandy Hendrichsen 09/30

Mission Corner >>>



The third Sunday of each month is designated as Quiet Ministry Sunday. The September Quiet Ministry is the Community Action Food Pantry which serves the needs of Burlington's hungry. Your regular church donation does not go to support this ministry; it goes to pay the church's bills.

Only your intentional, designated gift goes to help this and the other Quiet Ministries. No one stands up to beg for your donation. It is up to you to decide if you want to feed the hungry and make this gift, designated in your memo or on your envelope as "Food Pantry." Your gift provides perishable food and food from the Iowa Food Bank, and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

School supplies are being gathered for Ingathering kits from now through October 9! Empty plastic bags with the supply list attached are available on tables at the back of the sanctuary. When the bags are filled, you may deposit them in the school bus tubs at the back of the sanctuary or at the Loft office.

First UMC and the other United Methodist churches in Burlington are collecting underwear to be distributed at the Toys for Tots event at Memorial Auditorium in December through the Shared United Ministries. Each church is collecting specific sizes. Our church is asking for boys and girls underwear in sizes 2T through 4T, although any underwear and monetary donations are appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who signed up to provide food or help serve at the Thursday, August 31, End of the Month meal at Grace UMC! Your service is greatly appreciated.

The Brunch Bunch Sunday School class will be serving the Tuesday, September 5th, Building Bridges meal. The Bridges students and First UMC are grateful for their service and delicious food.

The Ad Council will be providing the October 3rd meal.

A great group of people from First UMC met at Messiah Lutheran on Saturday, August 19th, to Take Away Hunger! In one hour enough rice and nutritious supplements were bagged and packed to feed over 2,100!

If you and your family would like to feed the hungry as a fun family activity and ministry, contact Ann Ure. Some families, especially those with older children, use their time together at Christmas to serve the hungry in this manner!

Fluid Movement

This class will start on September 7th at 10:00 on the second floor of the loft. The class addresses many things at different times. We focus on breathing exercises, stretching exercises, strengthening our bodies, balance, flexibility, forms of Tai Chi, Ai Chi, meditation, relaxation. A little martial arts thrown in for fun. Please attend in comfortable clothing and shoes. A basket for monetary money will be present. All the money goes to our church. You can remain seated or standing as your body requires and stop and rest as needed. It is your class, I just guide you. Please come and enjoy our hour of healthful suggestions. Hope to see you Thursday, September 7th and bring a friend. It is open to everyone.-Karen Kay Piper

United Women in Faith >>>

Events/Meetings for the month of September:

- Executive Board: 09/11 at 3:00 P.M. LOFT 1st
- SE District UWFaith Annual Meeting: 09/16 Bloomfield
- Miriam Circle: 09/18 at 7:00 P.M. LOFT



United Women in Faith

Quilting Group: Meets at 9:00 A.M. every Wednesday on LOFT 3rd

Adult Education in September >>>

The Brunch Bunch is on break for the summer. Check with Jim Corder for more information! The Life and Laughter class will be having a different guest speaker for the next few weeks. 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 September:

- Week of 09/04(no Monday)-Aspen Grove Cemetery
- Week of 09/11-GRMC
- Week of 09/18-Perkins Park
- Week of 09/25-Along the River

Take Away Hunger-Thank You!

We would like to thank the 14 volunteers from First United Methodist Church for their help in packaging a total of 2,160 meals on Saturday, August 19. This gift will be sent to hungry families in Central or South America who are finding their lives disrupted or to groups here in the United States that are suffering from fires, storms, or other natural disasters. In either case, people who have had their lives turned upside down and need help. It is the thoughtfulness of people like yourselves that help show them they are not ever forgotten. Again, thank you for all your help and support.-Take Away Hunger Greater Burlington Board

Upcoming Special Sunday

Backpack Blessing and 3rd Grade Bible Presentation is Sunday September 10th. All students please bring your backpacks to be blessed for the new school year. We will also be presenting all 3rd grade students with their own personalized Bible. Please contact Dane with the name they would like put on their Bible

2nd Annual Ice Cream Social

On Sunday, September 17th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church LOFT Second Floor (while supplies last), the United Methodist Men will be hosting an Ice Cream Social. This will be a "free will offering," with all proceeds going toward a fund to improve our sound system in the Sanctuary!



Our Financial Health >>>

Financial Information as of August 28, 2023

Budgeted Income	\$ 235,067.92
Actual Income	\$ 202,484.62
Event Income	\$ 17,278.97
Total Income	\$ 219,773.59

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



Budgeted Expenses	\$ 234,738.11
Actual Expenses	\$ 210,114.55



—LOFT Market News—

Jefferson Street is open in front of the LOFT Market! Coffee, tea, baking cocoa, and pancake mixes are stocked in our store, ready for cozy fall meals. Stop in to see other fall items, like lightweight blankets, pressed metal fall leaves, and colorful tablecloths!

The LOFT Market is our church's fair trade store! Your patronage and business provides a ministry to self sustaining artisans who are then able to support their families and their communities in developing countries a around the world.

Office Hours

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

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Live Stream and Tech
Shawn Johnson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am - Worship Service 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 12:30pm - Basketball-Jones 1:30pm - CB-Green Shower 2pm - Basketball-Gay 4pm - Basketball-Davis 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous	7:30am - Walking Club-Crapo Park 4:15pm - VB-Banks 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	8am - Tuesday Guys 4pm - Basketball-Parker 5:30pm - Building Bridges	7:30am - Walking Club-Crapo Park 8am - United Methodist Men 9am - Quilters 3pm - Silver Singers 4:15pm - Basketball-Porter 6:30pm - Inspiration Ringers 7pm - Basketball-Gay	4pm - Basketball-Parker 4:30pm - Farmers Market 5:30pm - Bridges Training 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 7pm - Bel Canto 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown	7:30am - Walking Club-Crapo Park 4pm - Basketball-Porter 5pm - Basketball-Gay 7pm - Basketball-Davis	12pm - L1-Lobbrecht Shower
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