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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 the desk of Pastor Dan:**

I greet you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a wonderful news knowing and believing that the prophecies from the Old Testament has been fulfilled in the New Testament. From Advent to Christmas and from Lent to Easter. In this cycle of events, we find meaning that connects to live our faith to the birth, death and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ.

He is risen. He lived to love. A love which is inclusive for it involved every human being created in his own image. A resurrection that broke the old order of covenant made by God among his people, that in spite of the unending love and manifestation of God's miracles and presence they disobey and did not fully trust God. Through the resurrection, a new order laid a new path for us to thread. A fresh spirit that is lived through love.

This new spirit is the one that will continue to fulfill the great commission of going out and spreading the good news of love and salvation.

May God bless us all as this fresh spirit dwells in our hearts that will lead us to a new beginning. A life to love.

Hallelujah! He Is Risen!

***In Christ Service,***

**Pastor Dan**

***Youth Education in April>>>***

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

**PB&J (Prayers, Blessings, & Jesus):** is on break until the fall

**Youth Group:** is an ecumenical group that meets once a month. Stay tuned for more info!

**Young Adults:** meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Young Adults Bible Study with Pastor Dan from 5:30-6:50pm in the church. Enjoy a Bible study on "The Lords Prayer" book by Adam Hamilton. Learn about the prayer Jesus taught us to pray!

**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 take home!

**Vacation Bible School:** Vacation Bible School 2024 will be at the First United Methodist Church on June 10-14 from 5:15-7:15 pm. Adult and Youth volunteers meeting will be on Wednesday 4/10 from 6:30-7:30 pm at The Loft- please contact Sue Dichraff if interested at 759-4884. Mark your calendars and please visit the link below to register!  
<https://burlingtondoc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2150591>

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

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For congregational prayer  
 concerns plus weekly updates:



## Celebrations >>> Birthdays

Terri Elliott	04/01
Rosalinn Johnson	04/01
John Youngquist	04/02
Suzanne Lunsford	04/03
Nancy Pilger	04/03
Kelsey Schmeiser	04/05
Jan Alter	04/07
Janet Schupback	04/08
Lin Phillips	04/09
Chris Murphy	04/11
Jeff Crooks	04/12
Mary Saye	04/12
Lennis Kelley	04/14
Tom Bell	04/19
Brenda Almack	04/20
Jody Crooks	04/20
Ryan Kendell	04/21
Janet Eggenberger	04/26
Gary Warner	04/26
Tammy Yotter	04/26
Angie Johnson	04/27
Sarah Smith	04/27
Derek Stotlar	04/27
Rhonda Wynn	04/27
Jody Goble	04/28
Kinnick Crose	04/30

## Mission Corner >>> (or how First UMC is helping in our corner of God's World)

Mission Committee welcomes Heather Brueck as our new member and co-chairperson! Mission Committee members are Heather, Patty Neal, Janet Owens, Roxy Riessen, Randy Ross, and Ann Ure.

Thank you for filling up the shopping cart with non-perishable grocery items for the Community Action Food Pantry! Randy Ross took the full cart down to the Food Pantry recently and there were 155 food items donated!

Keep up the good work and fill the cart again!  
Each Sunday Bob Adams in the church's Welcome Center sells Hy-Vee grocery gift cards. Not only are these handy to use and to give as gifts, when you purchase them, 5% of the sales goes to support our missionary in Cambodia, Patrick Booth, and his work retraining people who have escaped trafficking in Asia in construction skills.

Each year Mission Committee hopes to donate a minimum of \$1,000.00 to support Mr. Booth. Your help in this mission is appreciated.

Keep Bob busy!  
UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, is the branch of the United Methodist Church which provides help to areas around the world that face disaster.

This past year our church sent \$1,000.00 to provide care for the victims of war in Ukraine and \$1,040.00 in humanitarian help to the Gaza Strip area.

We are blessed to not live in an area of the world facing such horrible conditions.

Please consider giving a donation to UMCOR to continue our mission of helping the innocent victims of these tragic circumstances. Designate UMCOR on your gift, please.

Thank you from those who cannot tell you in person!

The third Sunday of each month is Quiet Ministry Sunday. It is a time once a month for everyone to prayerfully consider helping local ministries as they serve the needy in our community.

In March the designated ministry was the Community Action Food Pantry. Thank you to all who gave a monetary gift to help the hungry! Community Action is able to use the Food Bank of Iowa to purchase food at a greatly reduced price with your kind gift.

In April the Quiet Ministry is our own Matthew 25:40 fund. Pastor Dan and Dane are able to use these funds to provide bus tokens for the needy in our community with mobility issues and Hy-Vee cards to people who are facing hunger.

We cannot know the life situations of those who request our help, but we do know that our help is an act of mercy and of faith.

Thank you for prayerfully considering these unfortunates and designate Matthew 25:40 on your gift.

You have an opportunity on Thursday, April 25th, to feed the hungry!

First UMC will be serving the dessert and drinks and washing dishes at the End of the Month meal at Grace UMC at the corner of Central and Angular. Our church takes turns with other churches in the Shared United Methodist Ministries to provide this monthly meal.

We will need 5 desserts that serve 20 each, white and chocolate milk, and gracious individuals who don't mind getting their hands wet! See the sign up page at church to help!

## United Women in Faith >>> Events/Meetings for the month of April:

Executive Board: 04/08 at 3:00 P.M. LOFT 1st  
GV Mission Day Apart: 04/13 Wilton, IA (Marilyn Lancaster carpool)  
Miriam Circle: 04/15 at 7:00 P.M at the LOFT  
Monday Meal and a Message: 04/29 at 6:00 P.M. LOFT 2nd  
Quilting Group: Meets at 9:00 A.M. every Wednesday on Loft 3rd



United Women in Faith

## Anniversaries

Roger & Gail Ferry	04/02
John & Lori Rockwell	04/06
Jim & Julie Kniffen	04/15
Tom & Sally Parrott	04/24

## Adult Education in April >>>

The Brunch Bunch is currently not meeting regularly.

The Life and Laughter class is currently studying Pastor Dan's sermons. This class meets in the Choir Room after church. All are welcome to join!

**Tidings Mailings:** The Finance Committee has decided to no longer bulk mail physical copies of our Tidings newsletter. This will save the church money, and everyone will still get digital copies sent to their personal emails. You can print a physical copy if you would prefer. If this arrangement is not feasible for you, please contact the LOFT Office so a physical copy can still be mailed to your address.

**Easter Offering:** In case you missed it, your giving will help us pay the requested amount for District Askings which is an apportioned amount of money the District Connectional Ministries Council requests from churches to help support our District ministries. Applications to the District for grants from the fund are accepted throughout the year. The following Ministries have been supported by your generosity this past year. *Delmar* - Audio Visual Update for the Future - \$10,000. *DUMC Summer Lunch Box Program* - \$2,000. *Burlington First* - Shared United Ministries Undie Sunday - \$8,000. It's also not too late to give! Simply mark your gift with "Easter Offering."

**Thank you!**-for the outpouring of love and care when our son Justin died unexpectedly. Your cards, calls, texts, emails, visits, and especially your prayers have made this journey bearable. Having a huge Christian family gives us the encouragement we need to lean on family and give our hurt, fears, our tiredness and sadness to the one who carries us at times like this--Jesus our Savior. Blessings to each one of you. Thank you for serving God by caring for others.

Joan and Dave Rodgers



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

## Our Financial Health >>>

Financial Information as of  
March 28, 2024

Budgeted Income	\$ 124,362.01
Actual Income	\$ 117,419.22
Event Income	\$ 4,475.00

Budgeted Expenses	\$ 174,561.40
Actual Expenses	\$ 83,746.82



## —LOFT Market News—

One of the LOFT Market's vendors is Papillon Marketplace, located in Haiti. At this time Haiti is enmeshed in a civil war which is creating a humanitarian crisis and havoc in the lives of the artisans, mostly women, whom we work with. The 32 workers put their lives in danger when they go to work, but they need to work to be able to take care of their families.

These are vulnerable people who the sales at the LOFT Market help!

Stop by the LOFT Market and our volunteers will show you the items that come from Haiti. It is true that you don't need these items, but it is equally true that these women need your help!

## Office Hours

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

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Betty Banks  
Bruce Dichraff

Childcare Providers:  
Racheal Fenton  
Shelby Trafton

Live Stream and Tech  
Shawn Johnson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Eastern Sunday</b></p> <p>7:30am - CB-Chancel Choir 9am - CS-Worship Service 10:15am - C-Adult Sunday School 2pm - LM-Four Oaks 2pm - Volleyball-Waste 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>Eastern Monday</b></p> <p>Office Closes</p> <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen Grove or 2pm - LM-National Alliance on Mental 4pm - Basketball-Dewitt 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson</p>	<p>8am - LL-Tuesday Guys 9am - Heritage Bagpist 9am - L1-Mahjong 10:30am - Pickleball-Rich 11:30am - Pickleball-Hack 4pm - Volleyball-Waste 5:30pm - Building Bridges Graduation 7:30pm - CS-Triple Clief</p>	<p>7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen Grove or 8am - United Methodist Men Breakfast 9am - L3-Quilters 9:45am - Hope Haven 3pm - CB-Silver Singers 4pm - CS-Organ Practice 5:45pm - LM-Young Adults 6:30pm - CS-Inspiration Ringers 7pm - Basketball-Gay</p>	<p>8pm - CB-Shoquon Children's Choir 5:30pm - L2 Live Your Purpose 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 6pm - Finance 7pm - CB-Bel Canto 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown</p>	<p>7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen Grove or 10am - Pickleball-Heath 4:30pm - Volleyball-Waste</p>	<p><b>CS-Williams Wedding</b></p>
<p><b>Bar Camp</b></p> <p>7:30am - CB-Chancel Choir 9am - CS-Worship Service 10:15am - C-Adult Sunday School 2pm - LM-Four Oaks 2pm - Volleyball-Waste 5pm - LM-Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>Bar Day</b></p> <p>7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen Grove or 2pm - LM-National Alliance on Mental 4pm - Basketball-Dewitt 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 6:30pm - CS-National Alliance on Mental 7pm - United Women in Faith-Miriam 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown</p>	<p>8am - LL-Tuesday Guys 9am - L1-Mahjong 10:30am - Pickleball-Rich 11:30am - Pickleball-Hack 4pm - Volleyball-Waste 5:30pm - Building Bridges</p>	<p>7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen Grove or 8am - United Methodist Men Breakfast 9am - L3-Quilters 10am - Hope Haven 12:15pm - CS-Burlington Lunchtime 3pm - CS-Silver Singers 4pm - CS-Organ Practice 5:45pm - LM-Young Adults 6:30pm - CS-Inspiration Ringers</p>	<p>8:30pm - L1-Hair Trade 9pm - CS-Shoquon Children's Choir 5:30pm - Pickleball-Gibson 6pm - CB-Bel Canto Board 7pm - LM-Ad Council 7pm - CB-Bel Canto 7:30pm - Basketball-Brown</p>	<p>7:30am - Walking Club-Aspen Grove or 10am - Pickleball-Heath 4:30pm - Volleyball-Waste</p>	<p><b>Life Learning</b></p> <p>11am - L1-No Drama Ladies</p>
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