

Burlington Zion Express

October 2016



“God Invites Us To Grow”

Moving to Seventh Grade was a terrifying, completely unknown process. 7th graders were in a different school building. Students changed classrooms and had different teachers for every class.

It was terribly stressful.

- “What if I forget where I’m supposed to go for my next class?”
- “What will I do with my books?”
- “What if none of the teachers knows my name?”
- “Where is the cafeteria?”

Change does not come without fear. But it is necessary to face the unfamiliar. What would happen to a child so intimidated by the thought of entering a new school for 7th grade that he refused to go; insisted on staying in 6th grade forever? At first, the familiarity would be comforting. He would know all the teachers; would be confident he knew where his locker was; where the lunchroom was, where he would spend all his day. After a while though, comfortable familiarity would become a smothering trap. If he stays in elementary school forever, he can never reach full maturity in his education.

Change is always stressful. Leaving behind the familiar is a frightening prospect. But the only way we grow is to leave behind what is known and take on the new and unknown. Leaving behind the familiar to journey into new territories is as frightening for adults as it is for school children leaving the comfort and familiarity of elementary school for the unknown of 7th grade. But the alternative to change is stagnation.

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The alternative to change is not keeping the status quo. The alternative to change is stagnation.

God does not invite us to maintain the status quo. God invites us to grow.

Every time we open ourselves to grow in our faith, God responds by transforming our lives in ways we could never expect; giving us blessings and graces we could never anticipate.

Our task as individuals is to open ourselves to that transformation.

Our tasks as a congregation include making an appropriately fertile space for transformation to occur. Farmers don't make the corn grow. Farmers tend the soil to make an appropriate space so that God can make the corn grow best. As a congregation, part of our role is to prepare a good soil bed so that the seeds of faith can grow best.

What kinds of things does a congregation do to foster growing faith?

- Worship
- Sunday School/ Adult Forum
- Bible Study (Tuesday morning or Wednesday evening)
- Opportunities for service
 - leading worship,
 - teaching Sunday School,
 - serving on the various service committees or Consistory
 - singing in the choir,
 - playing handbells,
 - playing piano, organ, and other musical instruments
 - performing, writing, or finding scripts for skits, puppets, etc.
 - Adorning the Sanctuary to make a worshipful space
 - feeding the hungry, (Social Justice Comm.)
- Mission Trips; in town, (Paint-a-Thon), to Detroit, maybe even to other countries
- ?



Grace and peace,
Brice



Worship SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 2 - Communion

10:00 am: Worship With Jim Ritters
 Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 & Luke 17:5-10
 Coffee & Cake For Milt's Birthday

Sunday, October 9

10:00 am: Worship
 Scripture: Luke 17:11-19
 Coffee Hour

Sunday, October 16

10:00 am: Worship
 Scripture: Luke 18:1-8
 Coffee Hour



Sunday, October 23

10:00 am: Worship
 Scripture: Luke 18:19-14
 Coffee Hour

Sunday, October 30

10:00 am: Worship
 Scripture: Luke 6:20-31
 Coffee Hour

Worship Helpers



October Audio/Visual:

Lisa Neises

October Church Closers:

Kathy Morrish

October Chancel Arts:

Dyan Dietzman

Sunday, October 2:

Communion Preparer(s): Don & Vivian Kellar
 Greeters: Bill & Connie Krieger; Jerry & Carol Goddard
 Reader: Laurie Paule
 Tower Bell: Pam Daws
 Valet: Milt Paule

Sunday, October 9:

Greeters: Ann Hummel; Renee Workman; Chris Cowles & Mike Collentine
 Reader: Paulette Cavanah
 Tower Bell: Jason Workman
 Valet: Bill Daws

Sunday, October 16:

Greeters: Dennis & Dyan Dietzman; Cathy & Dave Schnicker
 Reader: Rod Reeves
 Tower Bell: Abbi Eden
 Valet: Dennis Dietzman

Sunday, October 23:

Greeters: Rich & Deb Goble; DiAnne Lerud-Chubb; Joanne Mauer
 Reader: Connie Krieger
 Tower Bell: Marvin Fraise
 Valet: Rich Goble

Sunday, October 30:

Greeters: Marvin & Marcia Fraise; Jim & Deb Ritters
 Reader: Gail Lawlor
 Tower Bell: Bob Parmeter
 Valet: Marvin Fraise

NOIZ NITES

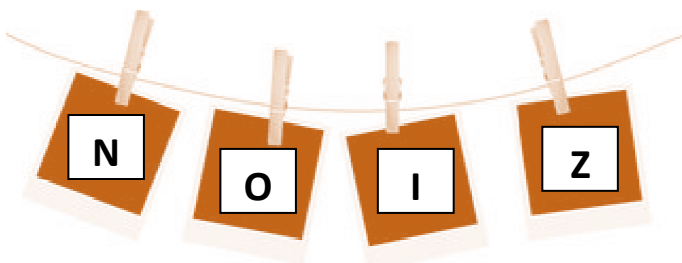
NOIZ NITES FOR FAMILY **Cemetery Scavenger Hunt** -October 5th-



NOIZ Nites is an all-church family event held on the first Wednesday of Oct., Nov., Dec., Feb., Mar., and Apr.

On Oct. 5th we will meet at 5:30 PM at the 6th Street Cemetery, where we will have some fun with a cemetery scavenger hunt (looking for symbols, names, etc.), learn a little history honoring some of our ancestors, then return to our church parking lot for an outdoor meal ending at 7:00 PM.

This is something all ages can enjoy, so bring friends, family, yourself!!



Children's Church is using a new curriculum this year called *Deep Blue*. We are beginning with the stories of Joseph and his Brothers.

Children's Church is offered to all children immediately following the Time with Youth during the worship service. Ages 5 - middle school are invited downstairs for Bible stories and fun activities including games, art, cooking, videos, science activities, and more!

The nursery is available for children 5 and younger during each worship service. Megan Key is our nursery leader.

Teachers and helpers are always needed for Children's Church. Please contact Janice Gibson or the office if you would be willing to help with Children's Church.

COFFEE HOUR



Coffee Hour Returns!

Please feel free to stop by the bulletin board and sign up for a Sunday this fall!





CROP HUNGER WALK ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Burlington CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 1pm

Mark Your Calendar!

Zion has a long and proud history of supporting the ministry of CROP/Hunger Walk and Church World Service. Last year, 17 Burlington churches participated in the CROP Walk, bringing 88 walkers, contributing over \$10,000. **Zion accounted for 15% of that total, the most of any church.**

We sent 10 walkers, surpassed only by First UMC, who fielded one walker more than we.

Nancy Schulte raised the most of any Zionista, 3rd most of any individual. Way to go, Nancy! What if Zion tried for a dozen walkers this year? We are not the largest church in town, but we may have the biggest heart for the ministry. That is one of the things that makes your pastor so proud to be here! Thank you for your extravagant generosity! -Pastor Brice

Where Do Crop Hunger Walk Funds Go?

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify

their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs something CWS has learned through some 70 years of working in partnership around the world.

CROP Hunger Walk Background:

With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are “viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks,” notes the Los Angeles Times (Oct. 26, 2009).

On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the start of the hunger walks related to CROP - and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. As far as we know, York County, Penn., was the first walk officially called the CROP Walk for the Hungry - and that event has been continuous since 1970.

Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Walks each year in communities nationwide.

Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,300 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone.

Walk. Give. Change The World.

(www.crophungerwalk.org)



Annual Paint-a-thon

The annual Paint-a-thon was held the week of Labor Day. The Team began prepping, scraping, and caulking on Tuesday. Even though the weather did not seem to be on their side with numerous rain showers, the Zionistas were able to complete the project on time – Friday, September 9th.

The Team spent Saturday morning performing touchups throughout the exterior of the home. Mrs. Martin is very happy with her home's makeover and is appreciative to all the volunteers who made it happen.

Thanks to all who assisted to make this a successful endeavor!
Pam Daws, Co-Chair



ELECTION EVE SERVICE



A Pre-Election Service
will be held
Monday, November 7th at
7:00 pm.



CHRISTMAS DAY

This year, Christmas Day happens on a Sunday. Because family time is such a precious commodity, we are urging you to worship at home with your families that day.

Zion will not have a morning worship service on Christmas Day.

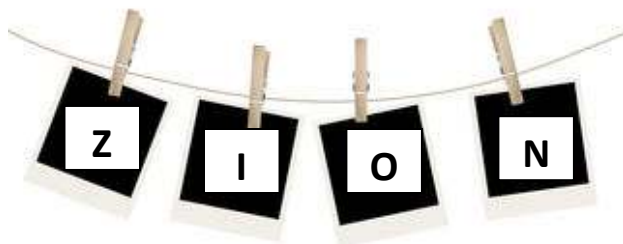
We will have a Christmas Eve service on December 24th. Please join us on Christmas Eve, then spend Christmas morning with your loved ones. Give thanks to God for the priceless gift of Jesus, and for the gift of being surrounded by those you love.



ZION IN TOP 50

According to the UCC 2015 Annual Report, Zion is in the top 50 congregations in per capita giving to Our Church's Wider Mission.

You are generous, compassionate people! God continues to bless you for your generosity and progressive attitude, as you support the larger missions of the United Church of Christ.



APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

Burlington Police Department Chief L.D. Beard recently presented our Pastor with a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation in the BPD/Fire Chaplain program. The Commendation Reads: "To Chaplain Brice Hughes, for his commitment and dedication in giving support to citizens, visitors, staff and Officers in times of crisis and duress. His kind words, faithful heart and generous spirit are recognized and appreciated."

Thank You For Generous, Thoughtful Support!



Dear Zion Fellowship:
Thank you for your recent donation of 12 pounds of pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House! Your gift helps fulfill of mission of creating, finding, and supporting programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children!
Warm Regards, Heather Wilson



Milt's 90th Birthday Celebration:

Please Join Us Downstairs On Sunday, October 2nd to celebrate Milt's 90th Birthday with cake and coffee!

ADULT FORUM



Our Adult Forum will be returning on **September 18th to October 9th** from 8:45 am to 9:35 am. Please meet at 8:45 am in the library area downstairs.

Sing-A-Long At Burlington Care Center



Please join us on the afternoon of Sunday, October 9th at 2 pm to sing along with the residents of Burlington Care Center! This is a very worthwhile ministry for the Zionistas, so please plan to participate if you can!



Iowa Conference UCC Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, October 22nd

Registration: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Annual Meeting: 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

The Annual Meeting of the Iowa Conference, United Church of Christ will take place at First Christian Church, 2500 University Avenue, Des Moines, IA on Saturday, October 22nd. The Annual Meeting is an important manifestation of our common life together in Christ. In addition to required business, (elections, budget approval, reports), time will be spent in conversation regarding our wider church relationships and covenants. Agenda, supporting materials, and registration can be located at: <http://www.ucciaconf.org/opportunities/annual-meeting-2>

Registration Deadline: October 7th

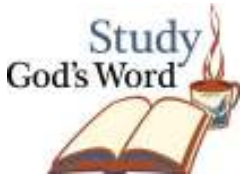


Tuesdays 7:30 am

Diggers Rest Coffeehouse

— AND —

Wednesdays at the
Church – 6 pm



Pastor Brice offers two weekly Bible Studies. They meet Tuesday mornings at Diggers Rest and Wednesday nights downstairs at church. Both Bible Studies cover the lectionary texts (shown in the “Worship” section of the newsletter). Please do your best to participate in at least one of them.

Bridging The Gap Update

During the month of September, our Bridging the Gap Program assisted several families through our Love Fund Resources!



Because of Your Contributions:

- We assisted 4 people with their rent.
- We assisted 2 people with their water bill.
- We assisted 6 people with their utility bills.
- We assisted 5 people with gas vouchers.
- We also provided food to 30 families from our Food Pantry.



YOUTH GROUP

Kenny's Roller Ranch

Sunday, October 30, 2016
From 2:00 PM To 4:00 PM

The Youth Group will be gathering at Kenny's Roller Ranch for some skating fun!

Friends are encouraged!

Admission will be paid!

If you need a ride, please contact Lisa Leises at 319-759-6737.

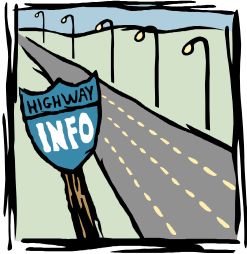
Handbells

HANDBELL REHEARSALS



Rehearsals under the direction of Renita Jarrett will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm. Please join us on Tuesday, October 4th, if you are interested in being a member of the Handbell Choir.

Any questions, please contact Renita.



Highway Cleanup October 8th

Zion is responsible for cleaning a one mile stretch of highway south of Burlington on Highway 61 twice a year. We do this in May and October.

Please meet at Zion on October 8th at 9:00 AM to carpool to the location. The D.O.T. provides reflection vests, trash bags, and vinyl gloves. All helpers are welcome!



Would anyone be willing to volunteer to collect Snow Bull 2017 tickets from the rodeo attendees on March 9, 10, and 11th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm?

Please see Kathy Morrish or contact her at 319-753-6977 for additional information.



You Are Invited! Sunday, October 23 At 2:00 PM

St. Luke UCC, 1403 South Street
For the installation of their
newest Pastor, Hannah Ryan.

Join St. Luke as they celebrate this latest chapter in their ministry journey!

Neighbors In Need

This We Believe...
No Child Should Go To Bed Hungry!



The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 2nd, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

For additional information or to make a contribution online, please visit:
www.ucc.org/nin



Walk To End Alzheimer's – Southeast Iowa

October 8th From 9:00 AM To 11:00 AM

Location: Port of Burlington
Contact: Michelle Kelman
Phone: 1-800-272-3900
E-Mail: mkelman@alz.org



The Alzheimer's Association invites Southeast Iowa residents to unite in a movement to reclaim the future for millions by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®. Walk to End Alzheimer's is more than a walk. It is an experience for over 500 participants who will learn about Alzheimer's disease and how to get involved with this critical cause.

In addition to the 2.4 mile walk, participants will enjoy a special tribute for those who have experienced or are experiencing Alzheimer's, have an opportunity to bid on and win Auction Baskets, visit with special guests, enjoy children's activities, and refreshments. Each person who attends is encouraged to register and make a donation towards the fight against Alzheimer's and dementia.

Participants are also welcome to register online prior to the event. Handicapped access and waiting areas are available. Well behaved leashed pets are also welcome. Check-in and Auction begins at 9 - 10 am. with the Walk starting at 10:30 a.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Alzheimer's Association prior to the event. Please visit <https://act.alz.org> to register!

Alzheimer's By the Numbers

In the United States someone develops Alzheimer's every 66 seconds.

More than 5 million Americans are living with the disease.

In 2015, Alzheimer's will cost the United States \$236 billion. This number is expected to rise to over \$1 trillion by 2050.



3rd Annual 5k Glow Run/Walk

Saturday, October 22nd

Crapo Park Large Shelter House

Glow Run/Walk Is At 7:00 pm

The Pre-race Party Is At 5:30 pm

This event is a fundraiser benefiting the *Through Joshua's Eyes Foundation*, an organization to help families with children with special needs in Des Moines County.

The **pre-race party is at 5:30 pm** with games for kids, a DJ, and food for a nominal fee.

The race will begin and end at the **large shelter house**. **Glow wear is encouraged!**

There will be a prize awarded for the best glow wear. Medals will be awarded to the top three males and females in each age group.

Register Online:

GetMeRegistered.com

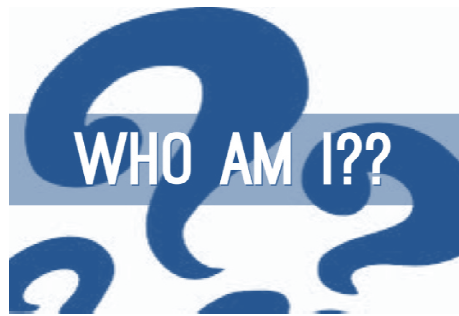
Register Via Telephone:

Teresa Heitmeier

319-759-0552

The registration fee is **\$25**. Monday, October 3rd is the last day to register and be guaranteed a t-shirt. For additional information, please visit

www.throughjoshuaseyes.com



TWENTY QUESTIONS

Each Month, We Will Showcase A
Congregation Member
By Playing Twenty Questions.
Do You Know Who I Am???

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up aka your dream job?
A fireman of course!

What is the one thing that should be taught in school that isn't already?
Family finances and budgeting. Teaching children how to make good financial decisions, and live within their means.

University or life experience, which do you feel best prepares you for life?
Life! The former gives you a broad look at life, however the latter teaches you how to survive in today's world.

Where do you most want to travel, but have never been?
Patagonia, Ireland, or Greece

If money was no object, what would you do all day?
I would spent a lot of it on self improvement – physically, mentally, and spiritually.

What was your favorite activity in gym class?
Running.

If you had to choose to live without one of your five senses, which one would you give up?
Touch

What animal best represents you and why?
Perhaps a bird – to be able to fly freely wherever I may want to go.

If you could take only three items with you to a deserted island, what would they be?
A radio transmitter and matches for protection and warmth. I wouldn't plan on staying long!

If you could master one skill you don't have right now, what would it be?
To play a musical instrument.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be and how would you use it?
The ability to turn weapons of destruction into food to feed the hungry worldwide.

If you could time travel, would you go to the past or the future?
Read about the past, but only speculate about the future.

Would you rather be a jack of many trades or a master of one?
Jack of many trades.

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
To be more compassionate, and less critical and judgmental of others.



What single message would you send to an advanced alien species?

Please come in peace, but be mindful you may not be accepted by everyone.

If you could abolish one piece of modern technology, what would it be and why?

Texting while driving – too dangerous!

If you could speak to everyone in the world at the same time, what would you say?

Lay down your arms and let's live in acceptance and peace.

If you could use technology to do one thing, what would it be?

Invent a full proof device our courts could utilize to tell truth from deception. Thus, eliminating juries from errors in matters of justice for anyone accused.

If you could have the answer to any question, what would that question be?

The age old question, "What is the meaning of life"?

What words of wisdom would you pass onto your childhood self?

When an opportunity presents itself, don't be afraid to pursue it!



Tune In Next Month
To Find Out...



Hopefully Yours -New Store-

Hopefully Yours, the busy thrift store operated by Hope Haven has opened in their brand new building at 617 Jefferson Street. The store is a major source of income for this well respected, nonprofit organization that provides vocational, residential, community employment and living services for over 530 mentally and physically challenged persons in Southeast Iowa. Bursting at the seams at their previous location, Hope Haven decided to keep a downtown location. Even better, they worked with architects from Klingner & Associates to design an infill building on a City-Owned empty lot that would fit the site of the Downtown Commercial Historic District. The resulting attractive and efficient structure is the first new building on Jefferson Street in over forty years. Well done!



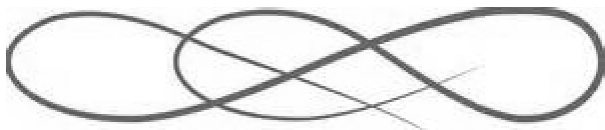
Burlington Bent River Brewing Co.

The former JCPenney building at 500 Jefferson Street had been a functionally abandoned eyesore in the heart of downtown since 1977. No one knew what to do with it; rehabilitation seemed to be a pipedream, but demolition would rip a gaping hole in the historic district.

Fortunately, Steepletown Development LLC stepped in and rose to the daunting challenge. Their meticulous interior and exterior restoration has transformed their derelict 1928 department store into the classy home of Burlington Bent River Brewing Co.

Now the building has been reborn, and downtown has its first brewpub. Who would have imagined it? We wish them every success!

The official opening date has not been released.



**Saturday, October 1st
From 4:00 pm To 10 pm**

The Burlington Noon Lions Club is hosting their annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 1st at Community Field. The event raises money for eyeglasses and hearing aid assistance, sight testing, and diabetes assistance to children and youth, along with many other humanitarian causes locally and internationally. The event will feature live German music, homemade German food, a fine selection of German beers, Oktoberfest merchandise including collector steins, Oktoberfest games such as a stein hoist competition, and lots of fun and dancing. Come dressed in your dirndl or lederhosen and enjoy the celebration of German heritage to raise money for a great cause.

Buy your tickets today from any Lion Member or Local Bank. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door.



TURKEY DINNER

St. Paul United Church of Christ is hosting a Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 8th from 4:30-6:30 pm.

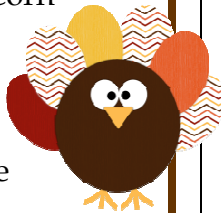
The Meal Will Consist Of:

Turkey, Dressing
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy
Green Beans W/ Bacon Or Corn
Salad, Roll & Butter
Dessert & Drink

HELP?!?



Accessible To All &
Carry-Outs Are Available



Tickets:

Adults \$8.00/Children 10 And Younger \$4.00

303 West Mt. Pleasant Street
West Burlington, IA
Church Telephone: 319-752-7204



DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

October 28, 2016

From 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Downtown Burlington
Ghosts and goblins will have a chance to haunt downtown Burlington with treats available at dozens of participating merchants. This opportunity markets to families in Greater Burlington and offers a safe and fun environment for them to trick-or-treat Downtown Burlington. For more information, call 319-752-6365.

City Day In The Park



October 15, 2016,
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Dankwardt Park Pool Area

Bring the whole family and friends for this FREE fun-filled day in the park! Bounce houses, face painting, cotton candy, and hay-rack rides will all be available. You can also participate in the 1/2 mile fun run (for all ages, and stroller friendly) through the park passing spooky ghosts tossing waves of white flour!

Contact Tabettha Miller for additional information.

Telephone: 319-753-8131

E-Mail: millert@burlingtoniowa.org

Thank You For Your Hospitality!



First and foremost, I want to express how appreciative I am for this opportunity. For once in my life, I enjoy going to work and that is because of all of you!

I truly hope you enjoy the Monthly Newsletter and I am always looking for new ideas for content. If you have any ideas, please let me know!

My email address is: ucczionbur@aol.com

Best Regards, Kristina



October Birthdays:

- 1--- **Brice Hughes**
2421 Gnahn St., Burlington, IA
- 1--- **Cathy Key**
714 S. 10th St., Burlington, IA
- 3--- **Kyson Thomas**
516 Maple St., Burlington, IA
- 4--- **Milt Paule 90th Birthday**
2601 S. 3rd St., Burlington, IA
- 5--- **Lisa Graham**
321 Summer St., West Burlington, IA
- 13-- **Darrell Eden**
218 Lewis St., Burlington, IA
- 13-- **Marcia Fraise**
1002 W. Mt. Pleasant, West Burlington, IA
- 13-- **George Johnson**
10574 Rolling Hills Drive, Burlington, IA
- 14-- **Asher Agnew**
502 N. Poplar St., New London, IA
- 14-- **Tamra Eden**
3420 Mason Rd – Apt. 211, Burlington, IA
- 16-- **Charles Brissey**
2830 Winegard Dr., Apt. 11, Burlington, IA
- 16-- **Sandra Levins**
714 Whitewood St., Burlington, IA
- 17-- **Ben Eden**
3420 Mason Rd., Apt. 211, Burlington, IA
- 19-- **Rachel Rugg**
829 N. 5th Street, Burlington, IA

- 21-- **Lin Parks**
2729 S. Main St., Burlington, IA
- 23-- **Cristen Pope**
509 Harrison Ave., Burlington, IA
- 26-- **Karlee Bush**
1919 S. Main St., Burlington, IA

- 28-- **Sandra Elmore**
900 Canterbury Dr., Burlington, IA

- 28-- **Cathy Schnicker**
805 Randall Lane, Burlington, IA

- 29-- **Deb Ruble**
1518 Division St., Burlington, IA

- 31-- **Samuel Hartman**
2200 Mt. Pleasant St., Burlington, IA

- 31-- **Matthew Heitmeier**
11386 147th Ave., West Burlington, IA



October Anniversaries:

- 3--- **Charles & Martha Landstrom (63)**
1206 Madison Ave., Burlington, IA

- 12-- **Wayne & Ruth Smith (48)**
1116 Hagemann Ave., Burlington, IA

- 13-- **Shirley & Mel Greiner (21)**
12146 Flint Valley Dr., Burlington, IA

- 15-- **Megan & Josh Agnew (5)**
502 N. Poplar St., New London, IA

- 18-- **Nathan & Brandi Chapman (19)**
505 Contrad Ct., Burlington, IA

- 20-- **Wade & Sharon Whisenant (26)**
2622 Florence Ave., Burlington, IA



October 2016



Trick
or
Treat



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Our Pastor's Birthday

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:45 am - 9:35 am Adult Forum	3 Bridging The Gap & Food Pantry Open From 9 am - Noon	4 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7 pm Building & Grounds Meeting	5 5:30 pm. Noiz Nights 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7 Bridging The Gap & Food Pantry Open From 9 am - Noon
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OCTOBER 2016: LOAVES AND FISHES

October 2016: Loaves and Fishes

BY [AMELIA CASILLAS](#) ON SEPTEMBER 01, 2016

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. John 9:16

The Loaves and Fishes Dining Room is the meeting place every Saturday in the Disciples of Christ Church in Luque, Paraguay near the Asuncion airport. The church opens its dining room to welcome 50-70 children and adolescents to serve them with joy and excitement. It is a low-income community, with dusty unpaved or muddy roads, where the courtyard of the church experiences the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes.

They arrive abused and beaten by life at such a young age. The pastor's wife, along with sisters of the church receive them with joy, a smile, and open arms where they feel loved, accepted, and experience the love of God. They enjoy a simple breakfast, school support, Bible school teaching and conclude with a tasty lunch that is enjoyed in the majestic shade of the trees. For many, the meals they eat at the church are the only food consumed that day.

The Loaves and Fishes Dining Room strives to bring hope, joy, and a vision of something new, creative, and different. They are walking with Jesus' blessing and multiplying loaves and fishes. There are many that have not, but that is no impediment to greet and celebrate with what they do have: faith in God's provision and children to attend.

We thank God for allowing the miracle of the multiplication of the bread and fishes to happen every week in Paraguay.

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Zion United Church of Christ

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