



Buffalo United Methodist Church



March 2017

This month marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter. In the church, we often think of Lent as a time of repentance, of closely examining our lives to see where we need to make changes. In some denominations, people make a sacrifice by giving up a treasured habit for Lent, like chocolate or smoking. In the United Methodist Church, we tend to **add** a discipline such as additional prayer time or reading a daily devotional. In either case, the important thing is to make a change. God calls us to be transformed and changed by His love. In Him, we become new creatures, meant for love and service. Baptism is the clearest representation of new life in Christ-- we are washed clean and renamed as Christians.

One of my favorite hymns shares the idea of new life perfectly:

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter.
Be at peace, and simply be.

o Shirley Elena Murray, 20th cent. New Zealand

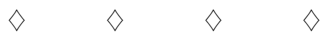
What will it take for you to clear away the busyness and the clutter of your life? How can you simplify life so you can make room for God? Are there nonessentials, perhaps TV or Facebook, that you could replace with something more meaningful? What are the most important things in your life, and is your faith a top priority? How can we, as a church, help you to find that quiet center and dwell there for awhile?

I would encourage you to use the six weeks of Lent to help you address some of these questions. Find the time for prayer, reflection, and meditation. We will be putting together a book of devotions for Lent that may help you in this process, or I can recommend something from my library. Either way, I'm asking you to make some time for you and God to be together.

Pastor Kathryn

United Methodist Women

Come join us Thursday, March 16 at 9:30 am. After a short business meeting, Becky Durand and Sheila Gatewood will share the program.



World Day of Prayer at Buffalo UMC

Friday, March 3 - 9 to 11:00 am

From 9:00 to 9:45 am a continental breakfast for a small cost will be served. The subject of the worship service will be the Philippines. Come join us!



Golden Age Potluck

Come join us on Thursday, March 9 at 11:30 am at the Buffalo UMC for fellowship and good food! Bring friends and a dish to share. Place settings and beverages will be provided.



Special March Offering

In March our *One Great Hour of Sharing* enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief to provide world wide ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace.



Joys and Thanks

Thank you Nancy Carter and Katie Knowlson for compiling the newsletter for the past few months. We appreciate your time, talents, and contributions to our ministry!

Volunteers Needed to Listen to Students Read

A Garfield Elementary third grade class needs a listener on Fridays from 9 to 9:20 am. If you would like to listen to a student reading, please contact Barb Hart at Garfield Elementary School. Phone: 558-2169

Email address: bhart@cr.k12.ia.us



Popping Corn at Garfield

The next popping date is Friday, March 10 at 8:00 am. Four volunteers are needed to open bags, bag the popcorn, and deliver the ordered popcorn to the classrooms. Usually takes about 2 hours. If you are interested and would like to help, talk to the popcorn makers: Marlene Himes, or Chris Gochenouer (363-5000). Through January, our popping corn project has raised \$326 for HACAP.



Buffalo UMC Pancake Breakfast March 25, 2017

Breakfast hours: 7 to 11:00 am. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice and milk. A Free Will offering will be accepted to benefit the RISE Program, and the Ecumenical Center (including CompuPlace). There will be a bake sale including homemade noodles.





Mission of Hope Tuesday, March 7

If you would like to serve the noon meal at the Mission of Hope, please contact Barb Crawford (phone: 378-4258).

The Mission of Hope address: 1700 B Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

Future serving dates: April 4 and May 2.

There is a box in the back of the sanctuary for food items for the Mission of Hope. Please consider donating a box of cereal, a can of fruit or vegetables, or a bar of soap once a month to those in need. Monetary donations are needed to purchase the food served monthly and to pay for the Mission's operating expenses. Checks made out to Buffalo UMC will be forwarded to the Mission of Hope.

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Buffalo UMC: Events for 2017

March 25 – Pancake Breakfast, 7 to 11 am
June 8 & 9 – Rummage Sale
July 15 – Ice Cream Supper, 4 to 7 pm
October 14 – Fall Bazaar, 8 to 3 pm
October 29 – Trunk or Treat ,4 to 5 pm

Bertram UMC: Events for 2017

April 30 – Spring Supper; Bertram Township Hall
August 19 – Bertram Homecoming; Bertram City Park
August 20 – Worship in the Park; Bertram City Park
October 14 –Fall Supper; Bertram Township Hall

Other Upcoming Dates

March 3 – World Day of Prayer at Buffalo UMC, 9 am
March 6 – Noodle making at Buffalo UMC, 8 am
March 13 – Church Cleaning, 9:00 am
April 9 - Palm Sunday
April 16 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service & Breakfast at 7:00 am Regular Service at 8:45 am
April 29 – “Spring Fling” (for the ladies) 11:30 am

Bison Blog Postings

This is a list of the first two months of the Bison Blog on the Buffalo UMC website. All items are available by visiting the church website: buffalounitedmethodist.weebly.com. If you have a candidate for a blog posting, please send your submission to Bob Marrs, the Bison Blog editor.

- 18 Feb: Abraham Lincoln speaking on God and religion.
- 15 Feb: *Harper's Index* statistics from 2016 on diverse cultural, economic, and social issues.
- 12 Feb: "Honey" and "Heaven's Gate", two poems by contemporary American author Robert Morgan
- 9 Feb: "Who is the Serpent in the Garden of Eden?" an article by Mary Joan Winn Leith, originally published in the *Bible Review*.
- 6 Feb: "Benjamin Franklin's Faith in the Wisdom of the People"; excerpt from Walter Isaacson's biography of Franklin.
- 3 Feb: "Christian Love: Not Like a Heat-Seeking Missile", an essay by Ben Witherington III, originally posted on the Biblical Archaeology Society website.
- 31 Jan: "The Church as a Crutch." Quotations from the writings of Rev. William Sloane Coffin.
- 26 Jan: "The Still Pond" by Charles Lattimore Howard, an essay from his book *Pond River Ocean Rain*.
- 20 Jan: Twenty Quotations from *Wordsmith.Org*.
Example: "Can anything be sadder than work left unfinished? Yes, work never begun. ~Christina Rossetti, poet
- 14 Jan: Circuit Rider Humor, answering the question, "How many Christians does it take to change a lightbulb?"
- 12 Jan: "A Neurosurgeon's Memoir" by Paul Kalanithi; excerpts from his book *When Breath Becomes Air*
- 10 Jan: "With Both Hands," from a sermon by Rev. Sam Wells
- 7 Jan: "Virtual Christianity," humorous piece by Rev. Randall Otto
- 4 Jan: New Year's Greetings from a Buddhist friend.
- 1 January: Wesley's Covenant Prayer, modernized version.
- 30 December [2016]: "Personal Spirituality or Organized Religion" by David Blankenhorn.
- 27 Dec: Statistics on the United Methodist Church.
- 24 December: The poem "Snow" by the American poet Anne Sexton
- 22 December: "Merry Christmas," a short piece on the life of Charles Dickens
- 21 December: "Reflections on the Lord's Prayer," a passage from John Dominic Crossan's *The Greatest Prayer*.

February Church Board Meeting

Topics addressed at the Administrative Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 15 included the following:

- Reports were given on two bids for replacement of windows in the worship center and meeting room. The Board is waiting for a third bid and will then consider how to proceed with this project.
- Board members discussed a plan for starting a small vegetable garden and flower/herb garden at the west end of the field north of the church. The proposal includes the introduction of native prairie grasses and perennial flowers to establish a boundary for the north side of the field. Included in this newsletter is a page with more information on the proposal. The Board voted to authorize a sum of \$100 for purchase of lumber in construction of six raised beds for the vegetable garden.



Buffalo Facebook

Remember we now have a Facebook page. It is called Buffalo United Methodist Church and is a good way to keep in touch with the life of the church. Don't hesitate to put on any news you might have.

www.facebook.com/groups/1192792444092651



Book of Acts

March Reading Schedule

March 5: Acts 16:1 through 20:38

March 12: Acts 21:1 through 22:5

March 19: Acts 22:6 through 26:32

March 26: Acts 27:1 through 28:31



March Newsletter

Please submit newsletter items to Bob Marrs by Friday, March 17. Bob's email is rmarrs@coe.edu.

Harlan Henry Glandorf

Pastor Kathryn's Eulogy Read at Harlan's Memorial Service on Friday, February 17*

Harlan Henry Glandorf died on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, at the St. Luke's Hospice Unit, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Mae Glandorf, his loving companion of 63 years. He is also survived by two sons, Randy and his wife Jayne of Cedar Rapids, and Scott and his wife Donna of Canton, Georgia; his brother Gilbert; two sisters, Delores Klever and Betty Meyer; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren--all of whom he was able to visit with over this last weekend. He was preceded in death by his parents, Antone and Hilda Glandorf, and his brother Wayne.

Harlan was born at home on the farm on August 7, 1932, outside of Williamsburg, Iowa. When he was 13, he was severely injured in a farming accident and almost lost his leg. He spent two years on crutches, and struggled with the damage from the accident for nearly his entire life. He attended country school, and his teacher, Mrs. Osborne, was determined he would complete his work and move on to the high school. She worked intensely to be sure that he was caught up after missing so much school.

Harlan attended high school in Williamsburg, where he met Marlene. She was two years ahead of him, but assured him she would wait while he finished school. He endeared himself by defending her brother Marvin from bullies tormenting him. Harlan was always willing to protect others. In July of 1953, they were married and began a long and successful union. He built their first home in Williamsburg out of recycled, used lumber, and it is still standing. It was tiny, but held many wonderful memories.

After they moved to Cedar Rapids, Harlan worked as a meat cutter for Piggly Wiggly and then as a baker at Colonial Bakery. He laughed about being a "butcher, a baker, and a candlestick maker." He certainly sold more than one antique candlestick. Harlan and the boys spent many Labor Day weekends on "guys only" camping trips to Camp Wapsie. Marlene was content to stay home and enjoy the amenities while they canoed, bounced on the trampoline, played bingo in the dining, and sat by the campfire.

Marlene and Harlan went to several auctions looking for antiques. After the auctioneer at one sale tried to take advantage of Harlan by running up the price of a tea cart that Marlene wanted, he refused to buy the cart, telling Marlene he could do a better job than that guy had done! Always one to encourage him, Marlene ordered an instruction kit that included records to practice with, and suggested he start learning a new skill. After subjecting the family to hours of practicing, he attended a three-day auctioneering school in order to become licensed. Scott was convinced his Dad was leaving forever and cried as Harlan left.

As an auctioneer, Harlan found his true calling. He loved every minute of it, and it quickly became not only his business, but involved the entire family. Marlene and the boys spent many hours setting up, lugging tables, recording sales, and working the room. In fact, Randy followed in his Dad's footsteps and became the youngest licensed auctioneer at the age of 13. They worked all kinds of auctions, including Cedar Rapids urban renewal projects of the 1960's and 70's. As part of his community involvement,

Harlan often called charity auctions for Ducks Unlimited, the Kidney Foundation, and the Boy Scouts, which is where Randy did his early work.

Harlan's truck had a sign painted on the side that said, "Have gavel - Will travel." One day he was amused to have someone call him looking for a load of gravel--the gentleman had misread the sign! Harlan had a wonderful sense of humor, and could be counted on to make everyone laugh. As Harlan and Marlene began to expand into the antique business, they displayed at many shows in Iowa, Illinois, and Colorado. These often turned into family adventures, with plenty of tales about lugging tables and staying up all night to provide security. They even chased down a thief who nonchalantly tried to walk away with a rocking chair.

Harlan and Marlene were active in several churches, including Twin Pines Baptist, Immanuel Baptist, and Buffalo United Methodist Church. At Buffalo, Harlan was chair of the board and active in many areas. He designed the mail slots in our entrance and had Scott build them to spec. As he said, "Now our church can grow even bigger!" They both relished the caring friendships from church and the chance to live out their faith actively.

Community involvement was very important to Harlan. He served as president of the library board while the Hiawatha Public Library was built and was active in Hiawatha's business community. His involvement could be very personal. The boys remember several times when during floods they sandbagged along the river with their dad, and they distinctly recall the Christmas when the whole family snuck into the home of a single mom with several kids in order to play "Santa Claus." Harlan had a strong faith, and he practiced it in his daily life, trying to help others and make the world a better place. He opened his home and his heart to many people needing a helping hand.

Perhaps Harlan's favorite role was as "Papa" to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He adored them, and the feeling was mutual. Seeing him with the littlest ones this last weekend was truly special. The family was blessed by some additional time this last weekend that they were able to share with Harlan and Marlene. Marlene was by his side to the end, caring for and loving her "other half." Theirs was a warm and loving marriage, filled with laughter and shared activities.

A well-known Quaker author wrote, "We think not a friend lost because he goes into another room. In death, we do not lose our friends. They are merely in another room awaiting us." While we grieve our losses here in life, we know that we are secure in God's tender hands, surrounded by love and strengthened by the hope of the resurrection. Following Harlan's example, we should live so that others can recognize our faith by our actions. We are asked to live out our faith in a thousand small ways, changing the world around us as we walk through life. Although our hearts ache with the loss of our friend and father, we rejoice in the freedom that Harlan has at last found.

**The eulogy has been condensed for publication in the Newsletter.*

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| | | | 1 Ash Wednesday | 2 | 3 9 - 11:00 am - World Day of Prayer | 4 |
| 5 8:45 - Worship Service | 6 8:00 am - Noodle Making | 7 Mission of Hope | 8 | 9 11:30 - Golden Age Potluck | 10 8:00 am - Popping Corn at Garfield | 11 |
| 12 8:45 - Worship Service [Note: Daylight Savings Begins on this Sunday.] | 13 9:00 am - Church Cleaning | 14 | 15 4:00 pm - Administrative Board Meeting | 16 9:30 am - UMW | 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 |
| 19 8:45 - Worship Service | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 9:30 am - NOOMA Bible Study | 24 | 25 7 - 11:00 am - Pancake Breakfast Pan |
| 26 8:45 - Worship Service | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Notes: |