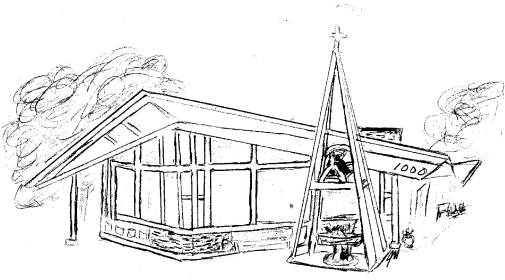


Buffalo United Methodist Church



August 2022

1000 30th Street NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402



Pastor Carol's Desk

It is hard to believe that we are already into the month of August. Where has the time gone?

It is so nice to see so many people coming to church for our Sunday Morning Worship Service. I would encourage everyone to invite someone to attend church with you. Perhaps they just need a simple invitation for them to visit.

I recently had the pleasure of joining a discussion on how we can make everyone feel welcome. What can we do to make that happen?

It was discussed how we greet people who come to our churches, how we should welcome them as they come in. Jesus showed us by example how to love one another. He showed us how to care and help each other. In the discussion it was stressed how important it is to recognize that we are all children of God.

I thought it was important to reflect on Jesus in the Temple. How would we feel being in the Temple and seeing the twelve-year old Jesus? What would we and our friends have been doing? We all have different reasons for being in different places at different times. What would we have taken away from that experience?

In the discussion we talked about the yeast used in making bread. It was pointed out that when you combine yeast and peroxide, it foams up. Just mixing two simple ingredients can produce such powerful results. Think about our church family. When we come together as one we become so much more powerful in our faith. We are strengthened by the love all around us. It doesn't matter what we look like or how we dress, talk, or walk. Jesus loves us as we are.

Our church is so welcoming to people who come to visit. We truly welcome all with open hearts and open minds. I think Jesus would say to Buffalo UMC, "You are doing a great job. Keep it up."

As I was looking around at the congregation on a Sunday morning in July, I saw people smiling at each other, assuring everyone that they are loved and cared for. I am so proud to be your pastor, to help in any way I can. We are all children of God, God bless you all.

*Blessings,
Pastor Carol*



Buffalo - United Women in Faith

RADA items are available for sale. There are still dishcloths, paring knives, bagel knives, cheese slicing knives, bread slicers, ham slicers, and vegetable peelers available. Contact Barb Crawford (319-826-2468) if you are in need of new utensils.

One Glass Jar

- (1) We continue to collect Hy-Vee receipts for Garfield Elementary School.
- (2) There is a large glass jar in the back of the sanctuary for the receipts.
- (3) If you shop at Hy-Vee, save your receipts, bring your receipts to the church, and place your receipts in the large glass jar.

Issues to be Discussed at the August Administrative Board Meeting

- What do we as a church do well? What could we do better?
- What should Buffalo's vision be for the next five years?

Special Offering for August

Ingathering Kits

The Administrative board voted to use the August “noisy offering” collection to buy items for the yearly Midwest Mission Ingathering kits due November 2022. The distribution center is an UMCOR Cooperating depot, which ships two to three containers of humanitarian relief each month, domestically and internationally. Ingathering is a United Methodist Women in Faith project. The first Iowa Ingathering in 1980 collected \$45,000 in cash and in-kind gifts; in 2021 the revenues and support were over \$500,000.

Non-profit organizations supported by the Ingathering include Heifer International, Church World Service, Mobility Worldwide, Midwest Mission, and Self-Help International, which partners with communities in Ghana, West Africa, and Nicaragua, Central America to offer agricultural extension training, nutritional education, micro-credit loans for rural women, development of small businesses, access to clean drinking water, and 4-H style youth ag programs.

In the Meeting Room is a list of needed items for the Ingathering kits. We will maintain a tally of donated supplies. School supplies go on sale the next few weeks, so this is a good time to shop. The cost of handling and shipping 40 kits is \$80. The cost to include a razor and toothpaste in each Personal Dignity Kit is \$40. If you would like to donate to Heifer International, please write Heifer International on your check or attach a note with your cash.

Thanks to Bertram UMC for their donation of money to help with shipping expenses. If you have questions about Buffalo’s involvement in this year’s Ingathering, please contact Judy Hackney (319-393-0188) or Chris Gochenouer (319-363-5000).



United
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Buffalo Shed Update

By September, we should have electricity in the shed and a garage door opener installed. There are rumors that the firm of Hackney and Marrs has volunteered to dig a trench for burying the electrical wire from the church building to the garage. Dependable Electric will be responsible for the actual electrical work.

July Administrative Board Meeting

Highlights from the 90- Minute Session

- Everyone agreed that the Rummage Sale in June went well. A few items were kept for the Bazaar in October and some household items were taken to the Ecumenical Center. The rest of the unsold donations were delivered to the Salvation Army and Good Will.
- The city has sent a letter claiming the church will be financially responsible for the repair of two sections of sidewalk, repairs that would cost the church \$1400. Gary and Judy Hackney visited the Department of Public Works to determine if the repairs were indeed necessary, and we are now waiting for a response from the city.
- Barb Crawford and Chris Gochenouer have agreed to work together in completing the Memorial Plaque project. The Board voted that names of individuals memorialized would be limited to church members who have passed away since we moved to 30th street in 2012. The final motion included a provision that the Board could approve exceptions, and non-members could be honored in other ways.
- In its September meeting the Board will consider proposals for creating two church calendars: one would establish the schedule for each month’s Noisy Offering and the organization(s) receiving each month’s financial donation; the second calendar would provide a schedule of days/times for special church services (e.g., Advent Taizé Service, Lenten/Easter Services, etc).
- Pastor Carol suggested Buffalo form a prayer team, perhaps of 3-4 people, who would meet at a regular time, perhaps weekly or monthly. Any members of the congregation interested in participating in a prayer team should contact Pastor Carol.
- In order to improve the flow and coherence of the Sunday Morning Worship Service, it was decided that starting with Sunday, July 24, the Passing of the Peace and the Announcements (including Joys and Concerns) would begin the service, occurring prior to the Call to Worship.

Neighborhood Potluck

Join us on Thursday, August 11 at 11:30 am for a neighborly potluck. Feel free to bring along a friend, neighbor, relative, or anyone who might benefit from a good meal and good conversation. As always, beverages and tableware will be provided.

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship Service <i>Communion Sunday</i>	8	9	10	11 Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 am)	12	13
14 9:00 am Worship Service <i>Noisy Offering</i>	15	16	17 Administrative Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.) <i>Discuss Long- Term Issues</i>	18	19	20
21 9:00 am Worship Service	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 am Worship Service	29	30	31	<i>Hate evil, love good; establish justice in the gate. ~Amos 5:15</i>		

August Birthdays: 7 – Dorothy Hackett 9 - Jan Kittrell 10 – Hugh Weis
 12 – Cameron Kelley 17 – Jamie Fredericksen
Wedding Anniversaries: 24 – Tom & Pat Ferguson

Jobs Well Done

- For the Rural Life offering in July we collected \$85.45.
- The Spring /Summer Bible Study, conducted by Pastor Carol, was well received. Everyone gained new insights into the women of the Bible. A special thanks to Dani Lacy, who served as Pastor Carol's assistant.
- Gary Hackney spent many hours repairing the Fellowship Hall screens. The holes and tears are now all gone, and the screens are better than new.
- Carla Lindball has been diligently weeding the east side of Fellowship Hall. Watch for new fall plantings.
- Thanks to everyone who helped make the Ice Cream Social/Supper on Saturday, July 29, a success. We are fortunate to have many wonderful bakers and cooks in our congregation and willing hands to volunteer. Despite the heat and threat of stormy weather,

we still had many brave souls come by for the delicious food, and our revenue for the event exceeded \$400.

- While it's impossible to record all contributions to the Ice Cream Social, it might be worth noting that on Thursday Barb C. made potato salad, and on Friday she was at the church preparing the sloppy joes before going home to bake pies. On Saturday she arrived early to get everything set up. During the meal she was a server and gracious problem solver, and of course Barb was still there at the end helping clean up.
- Thanks to everyone who assisted with the Church Cleaning in July. In fact, these folks had so much fun they have decided to gather again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17, for another hour of vacuuming, dusting, cleaning, singing, laughing, and praying. Everyone is welcome to help make Buffalo shine.

Buffalo Calendar

Upcoming Events & Opportunities in August

7: Sunday Morning Worship Communion

11: Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 a.m.)

17: Church Cleaning (9:00 a.m.)

Administrative Board Meeting—discussion of the congregation's long-term issues (10:00 a.m.)

Events later in the year

October 16: Annual Charge Conference (St. Paul's)

October 22: Buffalo Bazaar with Lunch

38 Zucchini

For the Ice Cream Social/Supper, there was a table with 38 Zucchini free for the taking. At the end only four Zucchini were left. In case you have one of those Zucchini, you might check out the Zucchini recipes on the "Heavenly Recipes" page of Buffalo's website.

<http://buffalounitedmethodist.weebly.com/heavenly-recipes.html>.

Recipes include delicious options for quiche, cobbler, casserole, breads, cakes, and a super easy appetizer recipe. If you have a recipe you would like to share, please send the directions--and any personal observations on the recipe--to Bob Marris (email: rmarris@coe.edu).

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Ecumenical Center Donations

The Ecumenical Center is in need of donations:

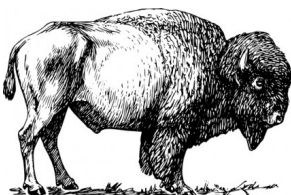
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- ☞ personal care items
- ☞ clothing
- ☞ money
- ☞ toilet tissue
- ☞ dish soap and dry laundry soap
- ☞ money

Judy Hackney (319-393-0188) will be glad to transport the donations. Thanks for the gifts already received.



It's Been Ten Years!

This year we are celebrating ten years attending services at 1000 30th Street NE. We are blessed to have a such a beautiful, functional church home.



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