

# Buffalo United Methodist Church

June 2022

1000 30<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402



## Pastor Carol's Desk

As I was driving to church on a recent Sunday morning, I was amazed at how quickly the trees have filled out. Just a week earlier they were quite bare. Apparently the trees and I really love this wonderful weather with the temperatures into the 70s and 80s.

Before arriving at the church, I saw three young squirrels chasing each other. They were having so much fun. I remember when I was a young girl, I couldn't wait to get outside and play. At that stage in my life, breakfast was not important. But now-a-days I really look forward to breakfast. I need my coffee in the morning to give me a jump start. But as with everything else in our lives, we change: our thoughts change and our wants change.

What never changes is that God is with us all the time, not just in time of need but all the time. As you take a trip down memory lane, remember your younger years and reflect on the connections with the present. Consider how God has worked in your life, helping you through all that you have experienced.

I trust everyone will have a wonderful June.  
Blessings,  
Pastor Carol

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## Spring Bible Study

The Spring Bible Study will be held at 9:30 am on June 8 & 21. The session led by Mary Fredericksen on June 8 will focus on Rahab, the first Gentile recorded in the Bible as having converted to Judaism. Rahab's son Boaz married Ruth, and one of her descendants was Joseph, the father of Jesus.

## Rummage Sale

Thursday, June 16: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, June 17: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

☞ Donations for this annual rummage sale can be brought to the church and placed in the meeting room. No large items or electronics, please. Bakery donations are also appreciated.

☞ A Hot Dog Lunch will be served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days. The meal is free but donations are welcome. In preparation for the meal, donations of food items will be much appreciated: chips, desserts, drinks, fruit, crudités, hot dogs, buns.

## Special Offering: June 12

Peace with Justice Sunday on June 12 enables the United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice. Donations for this special Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. The Iowa Annual Conference has a Peace with Justice Coordinator responsible for developing local social justice ministries. Fifty percent of the offering remains in Iowa to support this ministry. The "Noisy Offering" for May's Native American Sunday raised \$155.80.

## Bake Sale

Donations of baked items for the Primary Election Bake Sale on Tuesday, June 7 are much appreciated. Please mark your donations with a suggested price (for example: smaller cookies 25 cents each). The baked items disappear quickly. The money, collected throughout the day, is added to the church treasury.

## Neighborhood Potluck

Join us at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 9 for a potluck meal. This monthly event consistently receives five-star evaluations from all participants. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

## Saving Our Sisters

United Women in Faith have been collecting snacks and craft items for Saving Our Sisters, sponsored by Tanager Place. The school age girls are taught essential life skills, including making good choices regarding drugs, gangs, and care of their bodies. Families are provided assistance by finding needed resources and counseling. UWF will also send a monetary donation to help with the cost of field trips and needed supplies. If you would like to help the girls and their families please contact Judy Hackney (319-393-0188).



## RADA Items Available

If you are interested in paring knives, bread slicers, bagel knives, cheese slicing knives, or other RADA items, please contact Barb Crawford (319-826-2468). Items are on sale for 20% off. Barb can also provide you with a list of available items.

## Ecumenical Center Donations

The Ecumenical Center needs donations of money, personal care items, clothing, toilet tissue, dish soap, and dry laundry soap. Judy Hackney (319-393-0188) will be glad to transport the donations. Thanks for the donations already received.

## Buffalo Labyrinth

The Labyrinth path has been mowed, the wind chimes are humming, the benches are in place, and the tulip tree with its beautiful tulip-shaped leaves is ready for visitors. Most of the ornamental grasses planted last year survived the winter, and more grasses and native wild flowers will soon be added. This is a wonderful space for peace, meditation, reflection, prayer.

## New Members

It's always a special day in the church when we have the opportunity to welcome new members to our congregation. It was a truly special Mother's Day worship service this year when Linda Otto and Pat Reid officially joined our congregation.

## Playground Renewal

In May the church's playground received a much-needed facelift. The lumber around the playground was replaced with railroad ties (which were donated to the church). After a thorough hoeing and raking (resulting in the removal several wheelbarrow loads of weeds, grass, and old wood chips), a new landscape fiber was laid down and covered with fresh, hard wood, "playground" chips. All members of the congregation should now feel free to ride the dinosaur and enjoy the blue slipper slide.

## Church Cleaning

Since we ain't got no janitor, those of us who attend Buffalo are responsible for keeping the place clean and tidy. Please drop by and help with the monthly church cleaning on Wednesday, June 22, beginning at 9 a.m. Thanks for helping to make Buffalo sparkle.

## Hy-Vee Receipts

We continue to collect Hy-Vee receipts for Garfield Elementary School. There is a large glass jar in the back of the sanctuary for the receipts.

## Buffalo - United Women in Faith

Although we are taking the summer off, we do have a special event on Thursday, June 23. We will celebrate our Secret Pals by hosting a supper at 5:00 p.m. If you have a secret pal, please bring a "secret pal revealing card" with your name inside. UMW will provide gift cards for each secret pal.



United  
Women  
in Faith

# June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>When you forgive others, they may not notice, but you will heal. Forgiveness is not something we do for others; it is a gift to ourselves.</i>			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 am Worship Service	6 Bake Items for Primary Election Bake Sale on June 7	7 Primary Election Bake Sale	8 Bible Study (9:30 a.m.)	9 Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 am)	10	11 Tomorrow is Peace with Justice Sunday & a Noisy Offering
12 9:00 am Worship Service	13	14	15	16 RUMMAGE SALE (8:00 am - 4:00 pm)	17 RUMMAGE SALE (8:00 am - 1:00 pm)	18
19 9:00 am Worship Service <b>Father's Day</b>	20	21 Bible Study (9:30 am)	22 Clean Church (9:00 am)	23 United Women in Faith Supper (5:00 pm)	24	25
26 9:00 am Worship Service	27	28	29	30	<i>Don't wait for the storm to pass; dance in the rain.</i>	

**June Birthdays:** 1 - Noah Terpin    2 - Tom Fredericksen    4 - Tom Houlahan  
16 - Wayne Rayman 25 - David Seufferlein

**Wedding Anniversaries:** 27 - Tom & Kathy Houlahan    29 - Larry & Joyce Hartmann

## Flowers for Worship Service

At the back of the Worship Center is a sign-up sheet for individuals volunteering to bring flowers to our Sunday morning worship services. Flowers are an ideal way to commemorate a special event or memorialize a lost loved one. We will also be setting aside space in the herb garden to grow cutting flowers (e.g., cosmos & zinnias) that can help brighten our gatherings.

## Scripture Readers

When signing up to bring flowers, please consider signing up to read scripture during the Sunday service. You don't have to be a perfect reader in order to be a perfect reader for our congregation.

## Advertising in *The Gazette*

For the next three months, an advertisement for Buffalo and our Sunday morning worship services will appear in *The Gazette*. The ad, informing potential Methodists of our new starting time, will run twice a month for three months.

## Memorial Plaque

Todd Tomkins, who designed and built our Little Free Library and park benches, has created a beautiful walnut wood memorial plaque that will honor deceased members. The next step is designating a person (or persons) responsible for the final design of the plaque. Anyone care to volunteer?

## Buffalo Calendar

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- 5: Sunday Morning Worship Communion
  - 7: Primary Election Bake Sale
  - 8: Bible Study (9:30 a.m.)
  - 9: Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 a.m.)
  - 16: Rummage Sale (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.);
  - 17: Rummage Sale (8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
  - On both days free hot dog lunch (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
  - 21: Bible Study (9:30 a.m.)
  - 22: Church Cleaning (9:00 a.m.)
  - 22: United Women in Faith Supper (5:00 pm)
- Note: the Administrative Board will not meet in June; the next meeting will be on July 20.

### Events later in the year

- Ice Cream Supper: Saturday, July 23
- Bazaar with Lunch: October 22



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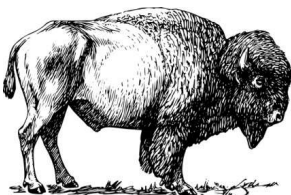
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## Issues Addressed at Administrative Board Meeting in May

The Board discussed improved strategies for insuring accurate and complete information is included in the Sunday email message that Barb Crawford prepares after each worship service. Individuals speaking during the “Joys and Concerns” need to speak clearly and directly into the microphone. The Board expressed their appreciation for Gloria Clinton doing such a wonderful job with that portion of the service and for Barb’s conscientious dedication in assembling and distributing the notes.

The Board members discussed various activities that might help attract new members: a family night (perhaps with a movie and popcorn?), a catered meal, a card playing group, and an adult Vacation Bible School (perhaps three evenings in August).

Prior to adjournment, Pastor Carol requested that if an individual signs up to read scripture on Sunday morning but cannot read, that person should be responsible for finding a replacement.



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