

# Buffalo United Methodist Church

March 2018



## Special Offering In March: UMCOR Sunday

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti’s 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

Since 1940, when UMCOR’s forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we’ve continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

The response of UMCOR isn’t something “they” do, it’s something “we” do.

Your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ’s church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church’s compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded.

- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded.
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded.

And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond. UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus’ name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday. It’s your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Not “they.” We.

## Annual Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale Saturday, April 7

Here’s what you need to know--and share with friends, neighbors, bosses, associates, and people you talk with in the check-out lane at Hy-Vee (or Fareway or Aldi):

- ☞ Breakfast hours are 7 to 11:00 am.
- ☞ Menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice and milk.
- ☞ The Free Will Offering will be for the African University Scholarship Endowment Fund in Zimbabwe and to help defray expenses for David Seufferlein, who is going to Houston with the Lovely Lane UMC Youth Group to help with post-Hurricane clean up and building work.
- ☞ Bake Sale, Bake Sale, *Bake Sale* (donations of baked goods for the bake sale will be deeply appreciated).

## **Buffalo UMC Administrative Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 21**

The following issues were addressed at the February meeting:

- Trustees Report: The building passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection by the fire department. [Note: special thanks to Gary Hackney for correcting some wiring issues in the office area.]
- The cost of trimming the oak tree was \$600. Thanks to Bob Marrs for setting up the trimming.
- Marlene thanked Tom Ferguson for working on the shed and all he does to help maintain the church.
- Weekly Exercise Class. Pastor Kathryn is talking to Andrea Kelley about a possible 6-10 week program, starting April 1. We would need 6 to 8 participants; classes would be 40-45 minutes long. Andrea would help us get started, and the class would continue with minimal assistance from Andrea. The program might involve chair aerobics and two-pound weights. It may be possible to write a grant for equipment
- The parking sign for the Pastor has been purchased and is ready to be installed come nicer weather.
- The date of the Annual Rummage Sale has been changed to Thursday, June 14 (8 to 5) and Friday, June 15 (8 to 1) because of the election on June 5. We plan to serve hot dogs (and complementary items) at the sale. To avoid a conflict with an event at the Church on Saturday, June 9, items for the sale can be delivered to the church beginning on Sunday, June 10. Because of the Rummage Sale, there will be no Golden Potluck in June.
- Butterflies. Churches are being encouraged to develop butterfly habitat. Bob Marrs will be introducing new plants to the church landscape this spring that should be favorable for butterflies and birds. Last summer, Carla L. planted butterfly favorites around the electronic sign, and many of the native plants in the bioretention cells should appeal to many butterfly species.

- Conversations on a Way Forward. On March 10 at Cornell College in Mount Vernon there will be an all-day meeting to discuss the issues of gay marriage and gay clergy in the United Methodist Church. Please see Pastor Kathryn if you can attend. On March 24 is a One Board Model training session at Shueyville UMC.

## **Annual Spring Fling Saturday, April 14**

This year's Spring Fling ("The Christmas Story") will be held on Saturday, April 14, at 11:30 am at Buffalo UMC. The food is always delicious, and the cost is only \$6 per person—a phenomenal bargain. Reservations are due Thursday, April 1.

### **Wanted: People with Smiling Faces**

If you can come to church a few minutes early on Sunday morning, you can share in the ministry of our church by greeting people as they arrive for Sunday Worship Service. The only requirements for this assignment are a smiling face, a friendly attitude, and a willingness to pass out the bulletins. If you would be interested in helping, please talk to Barb Crawford.

### **United Methodist Women**

Come join us on Thursday, March 15, at 9:30 am for a brief business meeting and a lesson. Sheila Gatewood and Becky Durand will provide the program and the treats. We look forward to the lesson and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

### **Golden Age Potluck**

On Thursday, March 8, at 11:30 am, join us for fellowship and good food. Because we all are Irish, please bring a dish to share that has green ingredients. Place settings and beverages will be provided. May our meal be a reminder of an old Irish proverb: "May the hinges of our friendship never grow rusty!"

# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>May neighbours respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you, and Heaven accept you. <i>-An Irish proverb (in honor of St. Patrick's Day)</i></p>				1	2	3
4 8:45: Worship Service	5 Making Noodles	6 11:00 am: Mission of Hope	7	8 11:30 am: Golden Age Potluck	9 8:00 am: Garfield Popping Corn	10
11 <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i> 8:45: Worship Service	12 9:00 am: Church Cleaning	13	14	15 9:30 am: UMW	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
18 8:45: Worship Service	19	20 <i>Spring Begins</i>	21 4:00 pm: Administrative Board Meeting	22 9:30 am: NOOMA Bible Study	23	24
25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:45: Worship Service	26 Deadline for April Newsletter Items	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday Service	30 <i>Passover</i>	31

## March Birthdays

17: Pastor Jenny Seylar

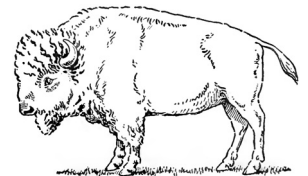
11: James Maish

20: Pastor Kathryn Newhall

Barb Newhall (Pastor Kathryn's mother)

24: Barb Crawford

27: Allison Hall



## Buffalo UMC Upcoming Dates for 2018

March 5: Making Noodles  
March 8: Golden Age Potluck (11:30 am)  
March 9: Popping corn at Garfield for HACAP Backpacks (8 am)  
March 12: Church cleaning (9 am)  
March 15: UMW (9:30 am)  
March 20: UMW serving at Lovely Lane, JFON  
March 21: Administrative Board Meeting (4 pm)  
March 22: NOOMA Bible Study (9 am)  
March 25: Palm Sunday  
March 29: Maundy Thursday Service at Buffalo  
March 30: Good Friday Service at Bertram  
April 1: Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service (7 am)  
Breakfast (7:30 am)  
Worship Service (8:45 am)

## Bertram UMC Upcoming Dates for 2018

March 6: Serving lunch, Mission of Hope (11:30 am)  
March 24: Movie night at the church  
March 30: Good Friday Service at Bertram UMC

### Garfield Backpack: Valentine Treat Bags

Thanks to everyone who donated candy and other items for the treat bags. The students really appreciate your kindness.

### April Newsletter Submissions

Please submit newsletter items to Bob Marrs by Monday, April 26 at [rmarrs@coe.edu](mailto:rmarrs@coe.edu).

### In preparation for celebrating St. Patrick's Day, three more Irish Proverbs to keep in mind:

- May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live.
- May the wind always be at your back.
- May you be at the gates of heaven an hour before the devil knows you're dead!

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