

Buffalo United Methodist Church

May 2022

1000 30th Street NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402



Pastor Carol's Desk

Hello, everyone. I trust you had a great Easter with friends and family.

As we prepare for May, we have so much to look forward to. The trees are budding out, the grass is growing---and soon it will be time to mow the lawn. We can begin planting gardens and enjoying the sunshine and warm weather.

When I was shopping this morning at my favorite store, there was this boy, probably about 7-8 years old. He had two toys in his hand that he really wanted. His grandmother told him to "put back the toys where you found them." Without a fuss he picked up the toys and put them back on the shelf.

While his grandmother was smiling at him, I told them, "He really did a great job."

"Yes, we are working on that." The little boy looked up at me and smiled. I smiled back.

His expression reminded me of my two boys at that age. Isn't it wonderful when memories flood back into our lives? Memories are a wonderful thing.

This brief encounter in the store made me think of my walk with the Lord. There are times when I have thought I was not worthy to stand at the pulpit and share God's word. But Jesus guided me through my rough patches and held my hand.

I can remember the first time I preached of Jesus and his last day on this earth. It was one of the most emotional moments in my life. Jesus died for us, so our sins could be forgiven. Wow, that gives me chills just thinking about it today.

Sometimes we may need to be reminded that Jesus walks with us each and every day of our lives. Jesus, I am so glad you are in my life. I will follow you to the end of time.

Blessings, Pastor Carol

Extra 15 Minutes of Sleep on Sunday Mornings

It's official: beginning on Sunday, May 1, Buffalo's Sunday Morning Worship Services will begin at 9:00 a.m. The current plan is to try this new starting time for four months and then determine whether to continue with this new schedule, return to the 8:45 a.m. time, or consider another option. Pastor Carol has indicated her intention is to structure our services so the benediction and sending forth will be by 9:45 each Sunday.

Special Offering for May

Native American Ministries Sunday (May 1) nurtures the church's mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

Spring Bible Study

The Spring Bible Study, conducted by Pastor Carol, will be held at 9:30 a.m. on May 3 & May 10. Everyone is invited, even gentlemen, to participate in this study featuring important women in the Bible.

United Women in Faith

Everyone is invited to the May meeting on Thursday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Carol will provide the program after a short business meeting.



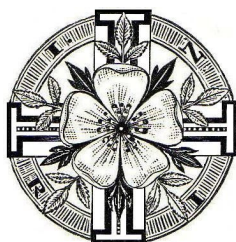
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Issues Addressed at the April Administrative Board Meeting

- The Pancake Breakfast raised \$900 in free-will offerings. The board decided that the donations be divided in half: \$450 to the Catherine McAuley Center and \$450 to Justice for our Neighbors.
- In her Trustees report, Becky reported that the Fire Department visited Buffalo and informed her that the installation of smoke detectors was not necessary for the meeting room or the sanctuary. The board members were informed that the John Deere mower has been serviced and repaired and should “run like a Deere” for many years to come.
- The board approved the payment of a \$50 fee to determine if the furnace room has any asbestos. [This inspection was held, it appears that the floor almost certainly does have asbestos, and a firm was hired to remove the asbestos.]
- The board members spent some time studying passages from the UMC’s *Book of Discipline* to clarify board membership and who is eligible to vote. The results of that discussion are provided in the right-hand column on this page.
- The board voted to conduct a four-month experiment with the Sunday morning worship services beginning 15 minutes later at 9:00 a.m.
- The board members raised no objection to members of the church—plus friends and family members—using the church meeting room for playing cards. Nor were any objections raised to people playing bingo at the Neighborhood Potlucks.
- Now that we have a new computer for the electronic message sign, Pastor Carol volunteered to dispose of the old monitor, computer, and keyboard by donating them to a firm that recycles old computer equipment.

Church Cleaning

Help is needed on Wednesday, May 11 at 9 am to vacuum, clean bathrooms, etc. Thanks for helping to make Buffalo Church shine.



Organizational Structure and Practices of Buffalo’s Administrative Board

According to the UMC’s *Book of Discipline*, membership in the church’s local council (Buffalo’s Administrative Board) will be composed of a minimum of eleven persons who represent key responsibilities and ministries within the church. The membership should include but not be limited to the following [individuals currently in each position are identified in brackets]:

- Chair of the church council [Margie Marrs];
- Lay leader [Mary Fredericksen];
- Chair or representative of the pastor/parish relations committee [Bob Marrs];
- Chair or representative of the committee on finance [Chris Gochenouer];
- Chair or representative of the board of trustees [Becky Durand];
- Church treasurer [Judy Hackney];
- Lay member to the annual conference [Mary Fredericksen];
- President or representative of United Methodist Women [Barb Crawford];
- Representatives of United Methodist Men, young adults, and UMC youth [currently not represented];
- Pastor(s) [Pastor Carol Mart]

Since Buffalo lacks representation in several groups designated by the *Book of Discipline* (such as the absence of a United Methodist Men organization), the church identifies individuals to serve as “members-at-large” [Sheryl Arnett & Gloria Clinton]. With regard to the functioning of Buffalo’s Administrative Board, the following practices are followed, adhering to guidelines established in the *Discipline*:

- Only individuals who are members of the Buffalo congregation can serve as voting members of the Administrative Board.
- The Pastor is a member of the board but does not vote on matters before the board.
- Although some individuals may have multiple administrative responsibilities, they have only one vote on matters before the board.
- Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in board meetings, but only designated board members can make motions or vote on matters before the board.
- The board members present and voting at any duly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Worship Service Communion	2	3 Bible Study with Pastor Carol (9:30 a.m.)	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 am Worship Service Mother's Day	9	10 Bible Study with Pastor Carol (9:30 a.m.)	11 Clean Church (9:00 am)	12 Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 am)	13	14
15 9:00 am Worship Service	16	17	18 Administrative Board Meeting (10:00 am)	19 United Women in Faith (9:30 am)	20	21
22 9:00 am Worship Service	23	24	25	26 Ascension Day	27	28
29 9:00 am Worship Service	30 Memorial Day	31	<p><i>"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."</i> ~Desmond Tutu</p>			

May Birthdays: 1 – Judy Hackney 7 – Pat Ferguson 9 – Erin Terrill 29 – Larry Hartmann

Wedding Anniversaries: 25 – Bobby & Andrea Kelley 30 – Ward & Nancy Seufferlein

Hy-Vee Receipts

In a large glass jar in the back of the sanctuary we continue to collect Hy-Vee Receipts for Garfield Elementary School. Last year the receipts for Garfield totaled almost \$225,000, producing a donation for the school of \$1,125: half of the money in cash and half in Hy-Vee gift cards. The school used these funds for items that cannot be purchased with public funds, such as tickets to a water park and special drawing prizes for the children.

Don't Forget: 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.

Neighborhood Potluck

Join us on Thursday, May 12 at 11:30 am for a potluck meal and good conversation. Beverages and tableware will be provided. Please bring one or two wrapped prizes for a rousing game of bingo.

THANKS to the tree planters.
THANKS to those who help maintain the church building and landscape.
THANKS to those who help in the kitchen and bring delicious treats and food to share.
THANKS to Tom Ferguson for sharpening our kitchen knives.

"Don't raise your voice, improve your argument." ~Desmond Tutu

Buffalo Calendar

May 1 (Sunday): Native American Ministries Sunday; participating in our Sunday Morning Worship Service will be Pastor Mark and members of the Cedar River First Nations Community.

May 3 & 10: Bible Study with Pastor Carol (9:30 a.m.)

May 8: Mother's Day

May 11: Church Cleaning (9:00 a.m.)

May 12: Neighborhood Potluck & Bingo (11:30 a.m.)

May 18: Administrative Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)

May 19: United Women in Faith (9:30 a.m.)

May 30: Memorial Day

Events later in the year

Ice Cream Supper: Saturday, July 23

Bazaar with Lunch: October 22

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.

Rummage/Yard Sale

This annual event is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 9 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Friday, June 10 (8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Current plans are to include a "free lunch"--though donations to cover our costs will be warmly appreciated. Be aware that because of the Fellowship Hall being used for the primary elections, the dates of the sale may need to be postponed to June 16 & 17.

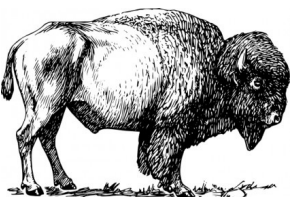
When you are doing your spring cleaning, please collect items that can become donations for our sale. We do not sell large items or electronics, but other merchandise can be brought to the church and placed in the meeting room. Bakery donations at the time of the sale are also welcomed. Tables will be available for individuals or groups to rent, \$25 per table.



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