

# Buffalo United Methodist Church

May 2023

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402



## Pastor Carol's Desk

After Easter it seems that the time flies by, and life can become rather topsy-turvy. We have already had some really hot weather, and then we got snow, sleet, and wind. That's life in Iowa. One day is nice but we never know what the next day will bring. But one thing is for sure. God is always with us.

We are so privileged to be able to worship how we choose. I trust we are thanking God each and everyday for what we have. As we go into the summer months, please keep in contact with those who may suffer from heat or health issues, just to make sure they are OK.

As many of you know I completed a Course of Study over one weekend in April. The class focused on the subject of ethics. As a congregation we are constantly dealing with ethical issues. It's inevitable we make ethical decisions every day in our lives. The challenge is to make sure we make good choices in what we do. I think our church consistently follows good ethical principles. I really appreciate our Administrative Board meetings and how committed the Board members are in attending the meetings. Our church is only as strong as the Board is.

I would like to thank everyone who helps in the church. Your contributions may be cleaning windows or preparing food or attending meetings or pulling weeds in the yard. And it's marvelous how many people help with the services on Sunday mornings. I really appreciate all you do. Thanks again.

*Blessings,*  
Pastor Carol

*"Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do."*

*~Potter Stewart (U.S. Supreme Court Justice)*

## The Chosen

Pastor Carol will begin a Bible Study, "The Chosen," on Tuesday, May 2, starting at 9:00 a.m. This two-month program is scheduled to meet each Tuesday in May and June. The sessions will begin with a video portraying an important episode in the life of Jesus. The high quality, professionally produced videos were first broadcast on Netflix. After each video there will be a group discussion focusing on issues raised by the video. The sessions will last from 60 to 90 minutes. It is not necessary to attend every session. Come when you can.



Photo of Jonathan Roumie,  
the actor who is Jesus in  
*The Chosen*.

## A Message for the Birds

As many of us have noted, some of our local bird population likes to spend time on the large Methodist logo outside the tall windows of the sanctuary. While we welcome birds to the Buffalo landscape, we would prefer the birds hang out in other locations because they frequently deposit their excrement on the logo and windows.

We all want to express our appreciation to Gary Hackney for cleaning the windows in the Sanctuary and installing "scare rods" on the logo's cross and other areas where the birds have been congregating. As a complementary effort to discourage the birds, Jo Lutz donated an owl, whose head turns and periodically hoots at any nearby people or birds.



## Pancake Breakfast Photo Collage

### Administrative Board Report

The Buffalo Administrative Board met on Wednesday, 19 April and addressed the following issues:

- Approved hiring a professional cleaning business to scrub and wax the floor of the Fellowship Hall on July 10. The congregation will be responsible for moving furniture and other items out of the Fellowship Hall and return everything after the job has been completed.
- In honor of Marlene Himes, the Board approved the purchase of two lilac bushes to be planted behind the old limestone structure next to the driveway.
- A Trustees committee will determine our best options for cleaning the exterior of the church and consider how we might improve the appearance of the lower windows on the south side of the sanctuary.

- Pastor Carol reported that a joint United Methodist worship service has been scheduled for July 2 in Sinclair Auditorium at Coe College. More information will be forthcoming.

*The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 17.*

### Golden Cross Sunday

The Noisy Offering on May 7 will be collecting money to fund grants to local churches and community groups for health and welfare ministries. The Iowa Annual Conference retains 100% of these donations for funding projects within the state of Iowa. The special offering in March for UMCOR resulted in a collection of \$309.45. Our special offering in April was for Native American Ministries.

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Live one day at a time emphasizing ethics rather than rules." ~Wayne Dyer	1	2 Bible Study (9:00 am)	3	4	5	6
7 Worship Service & Communion (9:00 am)	8	9 Bible Study (9:00 am)	10 Church Cleaning (9:00 am)	11 Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 am)	12	13
14 Worship Service (9:00 am) <b>Mother's Day</b>	15	16 Bible Study (9:00 am)	17 Administrative Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)	18 United Women of Faith (9:30 am)	19	20
21 Worship Service (9:00 am)	22	23 Bible Study (9:00 am)	24	25	26	27
28 Worship Service (9:00 am) <b>Pentecost</b>	29 <b>Memorial Day</b>	30 Bible Study (9:00 am)	31	<b>United Women in Faith</b> Consider attending the UWF meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 18. A short business meeting will precede the lesson. Thanks to Eileen Kaplan for providing the lesson in April.		

**May Birthdays:** 1 – Judy Hackney  
8 - Judy Carnicle

6 – Bob Marrs  
9 – Erin Terrill

7 – Pat Ferguson  
29 – Larry Hartmann

**May Anniversaries:** 25 – Bobby & Andrea Kelley

30 – Ward & Nancy Seufferlein

## May Potluck

Come join us on Thursday, May 11 at 11:30 a.m. for some good food and conversation. Beverages and table service are provided.



## Recognition

In April Pastor Carol honored these parishioners for their service to Buffalo: Becky Durand, Bob Fish, Mary Fredericksen, Chris Gochenouer, Gary Hackney, Hep Hentrich, Carla Lindball, and Bob Marrs. A special thanks to Mercedes Kraemer for helping with the Joys and Concerns portion of the service.

## UWF Mission Recognition Pin

During the April 23 Worship Service, Carla Lindball received a Mission Recognition Pin from the United Women in Faith for her diverse contributions to our congregation, including the many hours pulling weeds and tending flower beds. Carla also cashiers at many events during the year.

## Church Cleaning

The cleaning crew will be congregating on Wednesday, May 10 at 9 am to help tidy the church for another month. Everyone is welcome; no prior church cleaning experience is required.

## **Buffalo Calendar**

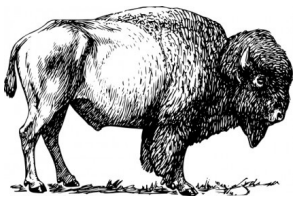
May 2: Bible Study, first session (9:00 a.m.)  
May 7: Golden Cross Sunday  
May 10: Church Cleaning (9:00 a.m.)  
May 11: Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 a.m.)  
May 17: Administrative Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)  
May 18: United Women of Faith (9:30 a.m.)  
June 8 & 9: Rummage Sale  
August 19 (Saturday): Buffalo Family Function  
October 28 (Saturday): Fall Bazaar

## **Landscaping Message from Carla**

For those of you who have signed up to help with outdoor planting and church landscaping, I want to know that I will be coordinating these various tasks for this growing season. I will be your contact person for any concerns or needs. Should you need help with the cleanup or setup of your area or have a maintenance issue, please let me know. If you will be out of own and need your area watered, I am the person to contact. Thanks for volunteering your time.

~Carla Lindball    Email: [lindcjl@mchsi.com](mailto:lindcjl@mchsi.com)  
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## **Rummage Sale**

Thursday, June 8: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Friday, June 9: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Half-price sale)  
While we will not be selling any electronic or bulky items, other donations are most welcome.

A free Hot Dog Lunch will be served both days. We will need donations of hot dogs, buns, small bags of chips, finger size veggies, and bars or cookies. If you can volunteer during the event or donate food for the lunches, please let Barb Crawford know. Donated baked goods for the sale will be deeply appreciated.

## **Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale**

The Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 15 was well attended. We had a steady flow of pancake and sausage eaters for a full three hours. The free-will contributions to the free breakfast were donated to UMCOR, Tanager Place (Saving our Sisters), and Waypoint. Thanks to everyone who worked during the event or donated baked goods and/or supplies.

*"The time is always right to do what is right."  
~Martin Luther King, Jr.*