

Buffalo United Methodist Church



November 2023

1000 30th Street NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Pastor Carol's Desk

Jesus said, "Let the children come me." As we go into the next two months of holidays, there will be some people unable to get out. Think of these next weeks as the perfect time for sending a card or making a phone call to brighten someone's day. Many people are yearning or searching for something but don't know what it is. It may be that sharing our personal stories and the love of Christ can help others find their way.

Walking with the Lord is such a wonderful and rewarding feeling. When we listen, we can hear, and when we can hear, we can feel the love around us. It is never too late to say, "Lord, I need you in my life." There will be times we are asking for help and nothing appears to happen. But we should remember that God gives us what we need, not what we want. God loves us and wants what is best for us. We are all children of God. Don't ever give up on God. God never gives up on us.

As we transition into the winter months, if any of you have a really good soup recipe, please share it with me--and give Bob Marrs a second copy so he can post it to the "Heavenly Recipes" page on the church's website. I am a soup lover and am hoping to try some new recipes this winter.

Again, I want to thank everyone for all the cards and phone calls I received. I feel truly blessed.

Blessings,

Pastor Carol

Food Bank Challenge

For the coming holiday season, the Linn Community Food Bank requested items for making dozens of pumpkin pies. Thanks to everyone who donated pie ingredients--and a special Big Thanks to Becky Durand for transporting the donated items to the Food Bank.

United Women in Faith

Everyone--young & old, short & tall, male & female, Hawkeyes & Cyclones--is invited to our monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 16. A short business session will precede a timely program led by Judy Hackney. At our October meeting, Barb Oakland, our district shepherdess, joined us--a person we are always glad to see.

We approved donating \$50 each to seven local non-profits: the African National Congregation at St. Paul's UMC, Willis Dady, Mission of Hope, Waypoint, Green Square Meals, Catholic Worker House, and Feed Iowa First (a new addition this year). We also buy paper products and other needed supplies for the church. Money is raised by free-will donations and selling noodles and RADA cutlery. If you would like to donate money or particular items for the church (e.g., paper plates, dish soap, bottled water, room deodorizers, etc.), please give the money and/or donated items with receipts to Chris Gochenouer, and she will record these gifts as part of your yearly giving.



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Neighborhood Potluck

Join us at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 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. After our October potluck, Kim Griffith, Jo Lutz, and Allison Hall helped us play "The Price is Right." The ladies did a splendid job and everyone had a great time.

Two Obituaries



John "Rex" Barker, age 95, of Hiawatha, Iowa, died at his home surrounded by family on October 23. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023, at Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Cedar Rapids, with a visitation one hour prior. Burial: Shiloh

Cemetery, Hiawatha.

The son of Roy and Mary (Martin) Barker, Rex was born December 1, 1927, at his family home in Willmathsville, Missouri, with an identical twin brother, Ray (deceased). Rex's father and half-brother owned and operated BARKER'S Garage in Brashear, Missouri, and this is where he learned the automotive business. Rex enlisted in the Coast Guard Merchant Marine during World War II when he was 16. Upon his discharge, he married his high school sweetheart, Margaret (Hayden) Barker (deceased), and they settled in Hiawatha where Rex continued his automotive career and they raised their three children: Larry, Gloria, and J.B. (deceased). Rex was a very active member of Buffalo United Methodist Church and enjoyed sharing his faith by leading the youth group there. He was a Shriner since 1957.

Rex started his own BARKER Garage in Hiawatha where he built a family home and worked out of his home garage, eventually building a new commercial garage on Blairs Ferry Road in Hiawatha where he repaired and sold vehicles and operated a salvage yard, a truck line, and a car crushing operation. When I-380 was built it was located through his business, and he decided to retire to farming and purchased several farms around Cedar Rapids. He always wanted to move back to his roots in Missouri and farm, and so he purchased a farm near Bloomfield, Iowa, where he renovated a family home and operated a large farming and livestock operation. His last move was to a 40-acre home near Fairfield where he enjoyed fishing in his two ponds, mowing, and finally doing the things he never had time for.

Rex was preceded in death by his mother and father; his twin brother, Ray; his brother, Dale; his half-siblings, Fred and Freda; his son, J.B.; his grandson, Larry Barker, Jr; and daughter-in-law, Ida Barker. He is survived by his son, Larry (Vicky) Barker; his daughter, Gloria Clinton; beloved grandson, Jamie Turpin; two sisters, Ruth Storts and Ava Swafford; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Memorials may be made to Buffalo United Methodist Church or the El Kahir Shrine in Hiawatha.



Larry E. Hartmann, 82, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passed away Thursday, September 28. A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 7, at Buffalo United Methodist Church. A visitation preceded the service at the church. Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home & Cremation Service assisted the family.

Larry was born May 29, 1941, in East St. Louis, Illinois, the son of Annette (Brewer) Keller and Dean Hartmann. Larry moved at the age of 5 to Germany where his father was stationed and attended elementary school there until age 12. He began high school at Collinsville High School in Collinsville, Illinois, and went on to graduate from Hickman High School in Columbia, Missouri. Larry attended the University of Missouri. He was united in marriage to Joyce (Talbert) Isaacs on June 29, 1991, at Buffalo United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids.

Larry worked for State Farm and then owned and operated a gas station in Ashland, Missouri. He later worked as the fine jewelry manager for JCPenney in Columbia for over 30 years until his retirement. Larry was a 50+ year member of the Ashland Masonic Lodge #156, a lifetime member of the Tiger Shrine Club in Columbia, and a member of the El Kahir Shriners in Hiawatha, Iowa. He loved muscle cars and belonged to Old Wheels Car Club. Larry enjoyed researching genealogy, fishing, and spending time at their boat house in Ellis Harbor. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Chiefs fan.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Hartmann of Cedar Rapids; daughter, Deborah Peterson of Columbia, Missouri; son, Terence Hartmann of Fulton, Missouri; stepson, Larry (Jeanne) Isaacs of Hiawatha, Iowa; stepdaughter, Gina (T.J.) Turner of Tiffin, Iowa; son-in-law, Vincent Chandler of Columbia; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and stepmother, Dean and Justine Hartmann; mother and stepfather, Annette and Phillip Keller; daughter, Donna Chandler; brother, John Hartmann; and son-in-law, Steven Peterson. Memorials may be directed to the Shriners Hospitals for Children or the Buffalo United Methodist Church.

These are edited versions of the obituaries that appeared in the Cedar Rapids Gazette.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share." —W. Clement Stone.			1 All Saints' Day	2	3	4 Daylight Savings Time ends tonight
5 Worship Service & Communion (9:00 am)	6	7 Election Day Bake Sale	8 Church Cleaning (9:00 am)	9 Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 am)	10	11 Veterans' Day
12 Worship Service (9:00 am)	13	14	15	16 United Women of Faith (9:30 am)	17	18
19 Worship Service (9:00 am)	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 Worship Service (9:00 am) Noisy Offering	27	28	29	30 Taizé Prayer Service (7:00 pm)	Our worship and communion service on December 3 will be celebrating the first Sunday in Advent.	

November (and early December) Birthdays: 3 – Kathy Houlahan 7 – Tom Ferguson
11 – Mary Fredericksen 20 – Joan Musil December 7 – Pastor Carol Mart

November Anniversaries: Zero

Special Offering for November

On Sunday, November 26, we will collect a noisy offering in celebration of United Methodist Student Day. All the money collected in this offering goes to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to support United Methodist Scholarships and the Student Loan Fund. October's noisy offering for World Communion Sunday totaled \$134.50.

Church Cleaning Party

A few minutes before 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, why don't you stop whatever you are doing, hop in your car, pick up one or two friends, drive to the church parking lot, and join us for the monthly Church Cleaning Party. No special skills required, and we are usually done by 10:29 a.m.

City/School Election Bake Sale

Buffalo will serve as polling place for voters in Precinct 15 on Tuesday, November 7. The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. As in previous years, we will provide treats for voters and poll workers. A bucket will be on the table for donations so volunteers are not needed to watch the table. Be sure to indicate the price of any tasty treats you donate—and don't forget to vote.

Mission of Hope

– in the back of the sanctuary is a large box – the large box has a label that reads "Mission of Hope" – the box is intended for donations of cereal, canned goods, personal hygiene products, and toilet paper – the donations are greatly appreciated – please consider helping us fill the box --

Buffalo Calendar

November 1: All Saints' Day

November 5: Charge Conference at Lovely Lane UMC
(5:30 p.m.)

November 7: Bake Sale for Cedar Rapids Community &
School Board Elections (deliver baked goods on
Monday; voting begins Tuesday at 7:00 a.m.)

November 8: Church Cleaning Party (9:00 a.m.)

November 9: Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 a.m.)

November 16: United Women of Faith (9:30 a.m.)

November 23: Thanksgiving

November 30: Taizé Prayer Service (7:00 p.m.)

Scripture Readings for Sunday Morning Worship Services in November

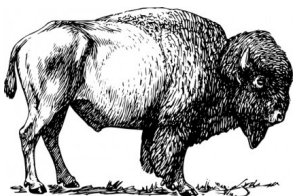
November 5: Gospel of Matthew 23: 1-12
& Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37

November 12: Gospel of Matthew 25: 1-13
& 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

November 19: Gospel of Matthew 25: 14-30
& 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

November 26: Gospel of Matthew 25: 21-46
& Ephesians 1: 15-23

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Taizé Prayer Service

A Taizé-style prayer service has been tentatively scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30. The candlelight service features silent meditation, private prayer, reading of scripture, and singing of traditional Taizé hymns. This ecumenical event is an ideal opportunity for inviting friends, neighbors, and family members to join us for a beautiful pre-Advent experience.

Jobs Well Done

- Kudos to Gary H. for installing a raised toilet seat in the women's bathroom. Gary also used his cement skills to install the new step by the west sanctuary door, making this exit much safer for young and old.
- Kudos to Allison H. for removing the cobwebs from the west side kitchen entrance door and porch area. She wore her fashionable yellow slicker and hat, making the job go much faster.
- Kudos to everyone who donated money, food, and time to make the Fall Bazaar so successful. Special kudos to Becky D. for baking the Buffalo cookies.