

Buffalo United Methodist Church



November 2022

1000 30th Street NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Pastor Carol's Desk

As I was writing down my plans for the November and December worship services, I found it hard to believe we are already at the end of this year. Where has the time gone!

This year has been very inspiring for me. I finished two Course of Study classes, and I don't remember when I enjoyed learning so much. I gained many insights that I hope to share with you this coming year. We all need to keep in mind that we never quit learning. Our lives may not be perfect, but God is constantly giving us new opportunities to learn and grow, making us what we are today. God has blessed me as I am sure He has blessed you.

As I am writing this, the wind is blowing and beautiful autumn leaves are falling to the ground. God is apparently reminding us to get out our winter clothes. It is that time of year.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving with family, friends, and whoever else might be involved in your lives.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

Midwest Mission Ingathering

The 20 personal dignity kits and the 20 School Kits have been assembled and are ready to be taken to Cedar Falls, and then transported to the distribution depot in Illinois. The distribution center is an UMCOR cooperating depot and partners with many other nonprofit organizations. The depot ships two to three containers of humanitarian relief each month. Thanks to the Buffalo congregation for their donations to this worthy project and a special thanks to Bertram UMC for donating money to ship the kits.

General Election Day, November 8

Buffalo will serve as a polling place for voters in Precinct 15. The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. As with previous elections, we will provide treats for voters and poll workers. Be sure to indicate the price of any tasty treats you donate. And don't forget to vote.

Public Measure #1

The Proposed Gun Amendment to the Iowa Constitution

"Never point a gun at a person unless you intend to pull the trigger." ~George Gochenouer, Korean War Veteran

On this year's ballot is a proposed amendment to the Iowa Constitution requiring that any restrictions of the right to carry a firearm would be "subject to strict scrutiny." The Iowa United Methodist Conference has taken a strong position opposed to this infringement of the right of Iowa citizens to enact reasonable boundaries on the purchase and ownership of firearms. When filling out your ballot, please vote "No" on this constitutional amendment.



Taizé Prayer Service

A Taizé-style prayer service has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8. This is a candlelight service with silent meditation, private prayer, the reading of scripture, and the singing of hymns. This ecumenical event is an ideal opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and family members to join with us for a beautiful Advent experience.

Annual Charge Conference in October

Six Buffalo UMC members attended the Annual Charge Conference on Sunday evening, October 16, at St. Paul's UMC. This annual meeting gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry. Dr. Moody Colorado, Superintendent for the Pictured Rocks District, presided over our October session.

Dr. Colorado asked each church attending this group meeting to share their ministry action plan goals, and it was interesting to hear what other congregations were doing. The minister at St. Paul's provided a handout defining the purpose of the the Iowa UMC Conference Circuits, the Cedar Rapids Metro Circuit Mission and the Cedar Rapids Circuit Vision. The Circuits' primary goal is to improve the collaboration among the churches in our circuit, "to manifest the Kingdom of God and bring hope." One member of Buffalo's congregation quietly suggested that we might best achieve this goal if all the churches joined together to help make noodles for Buffalo's annual fall bazaar.



During his ministry John Wesley rode 250,000 miles on horseback. He was convinced it was important to spread the gospel through relationships and continue to grow closer to God in those relationships. Asked if he would consider walking instead of riding, he replied, "Nay."

Neighborhood Potluck

Join us at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 10 for a potluck meal and good conversation. Beverages and tableware will be provided. Following the meal we will play a rousing game of Bingo. Please bring a prize to share costing less than \$5.00.

Food Bank Challenge

Thanks to everyone who donated canned pumpkin, evaporated milk and/or cranberry sauce to the Linn Community Food Bank. The food bank will distribute 500 boxes of food during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Barb Crawford deserves a special note of appreciation for delivering all our canned items to the Food Bank.

Bazaar and Soup Luncheon

The Bazaar and luncheon was a great success. People were waiting at the door before 8:00 a.m., and we had a steady stream of customers throughout the day. Our income for the Bazaar came to over \$1200.

We had two tables at the Bazaar set aside for over 100 winter squash and pie pumpkins harvested at Buffalo's vegetable garden (located near the Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center). At the end of the day only four acorn squash were left. As for the bags of noodles, they were all sold. Thanks to everyone who helped in the pasta preparation.

The baked goods sale money, totaling \$45, was given to the local chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). The profit from the sale of noodles and RADA products was \$123.65.

The RADA inventory is dwindling. Here are the items still available for purchase: paring knives, bagel knives, super paring knife, French chef knife, and several cheese slicing knives. Contact Barb Crawford (319-826-2468) if you would like to purchase any of these new utensils.

Shared Desserts with Mission of Hope

Several church bakers provided desserts for the Mission of Hope lunch on Wednesday, October 26. Bertram UMC provided the rest of the meal and did the serving. Thanks to everyone who baked and transported the desserts to MOH.

United Women in Faith

Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month. The November meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on November 17. After a short business meeting, Mary Fredericksen and Joyce Hartmann will provide everyone with a timely program.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <i>"Let your words be the genuine picture of your heart." ~John Wesley</i> | | 1 All Saints Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Daylight Savings Time ends tomorrow |
| 6 9:00 am Worship Service <i>Communion Service</i> | 7 Deliver Baked Items for Election Day Bake Sale | 8 Election Day | 9 Clean Church (9:00 am) | 10 Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 am) | 11 Veterans Day (Federal Holiday) | 12 |
| 13 9:00 am Worship Service | 14 | 15 | 16 Administrative Board Meeting (10:00 am) | 17 United Women in Faith (9:30 am) | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9:00 am Worship Service | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Thanksgiving Day | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:00 am Worship Service <i>Noisy Offering</i> | 28 | 29 | 30 | <i>"There are many doctrines of a less essential nature. . . . In these, we may think and let think; we may agree to disagree. But, meantime, let us hold fast the essentials." ~John Wesley</i> | | |

November Birthdays: 3 – Kathy Houlahan 7 – Tom Ferguson
11 – Mary Fredericksen 20 – Joan Musil

Wedding Anniversaries: No November Wedding Bells

Several Miscellaneous Items

- We have electricity in the shed and will soon have a garage door opener. Gary Hackney has spent many hours in October getting the door opener ready to use.
- Thanks to Tom Fredericksen for arranging Earl May Garden Center to donate 54 bags of hard wood mulch for Buffalo's landscaping projects.
- We continue to collect Hy-Vee Receipts for Garfield Elementary School. You can place your receipts in a large glass jar in the back of the sanctuary.
- The Ecumenical Center is seeking 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.

Special Offering for November

We will be celebrating United Methodist Student Day on November 27, the last Sunday in the month. The Noisy Offering will help the UMC's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry provide funding for scholarships and student loans.

Church Cleaning

Help is needed at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9 to vacuum, hum favorite hymns, clean bathrooms, share family stories, and continue pursuing cobwebs in high places and window sills. We may even work on some kitchen cupboards.

Buffalo Calendar

Events & Opportunities in November

- November 6:** Communion Sunday;
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 8:** General Election Day (doors open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.). Election Day fund raiser: donated bakery items, with prices, for voters and poll workers.
- November 9:** Clean Church (9:00 a.m.)
- November 10:** Neighborhood Potluck & Bingo (11:30 a.m.)
- November 11:** Veterans Day (a Federal Holiday)
- November 13:** Worship Service: Celebration of All Saints' Day
- November 16:** 10:00 am Administrative Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)
- November 16:** Potato Bar – Bertram UMC's Potato Bar (5:00-7:00 p.m.)
- November 17:** United Women in Faith (9:30 am)
- November 24:** Thanksgiving
- November 26:** United Methodist Student Day; during Worship Service, collection of monthly special offering

Gardener(s) for Buffalo

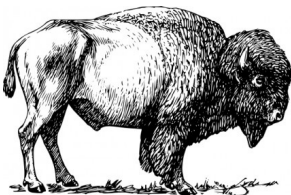
We are looking for one or more people willing to help take care of Buffalo's landscape and gardens. Applications are also welcome for individuals interested in caring for one specific area, such as the labyrinth or the two rain gardens. Any help will be much appreciated. Contact Margie Marrs, Chair of the Administrative Board, if you are willing to be involved in one or more gardening responsibilities.

A Spooky John Wesley Story for Halloween

Did you know that John Wesley had a ghost story? For Halloween, the Virginia Conference communications office has created an animated video that tells the tale of Old Jeffrey. If you visit the home page for Buffalo's website, you will find a link to the Wesley tale.



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