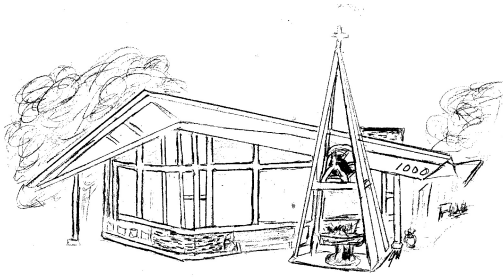


Buffalo United Methodist Church



October 2021

1000 30th Street NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402



Pastor Carol's Desk

I am hoping that you have had a good month. The weather is changing, the days becoming shorter and cooler. With Iowa weather, we never know what we will have from day to day. It is a time of year when some people are really happy and some are not.

This reminds me of how Jesus walked on the earth. He never knew what he would encounter in his journeys. But throughout his journeys, Jesus was always prepared for what was to come. Just as today we pray, knowing the Lord will be with us in our journeys.

Prayers are so powerful. Praying can enhance our day. Praying can give us the strength that we need to start each and every day.

Every morning when I get the paper, wherever it is thrown, I look around and see all the beauty that God has given us. There may be a breeze or it may be completely silent. But God is always with us, all of us, each and every day, whatever is happening, rain or sunshine, sleet or fair skies. When we have problems, God is with us and will help us.

Psalms 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble."

Blessings:
Pastor Carol

We Did It!

We met Pastor Carol's challenge by donating over 200 cans of soup for the Linn Community Food Bank. Thanks to everyone who donated. Greatly appreciated.

Bazaar and Soup Luncheon

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 17, 2021, for a famous homemade chili/chicken noodle soup luncheon. Also on the menu on the menu will be ham sandwiches, desserts, and beverages. There will be a bake sale, White Elephant items, RADA and homemade noodles. Hours 8 to 3 p.m. Tables are available for rent during the bazaar (\$25); contact Chris Gochenouer, 363-5000. White elephant donations are appreciated. No clothes, furniture or electronics, please.

In case you are wondering about the term "white elephant," Wikipedia indicates the phrase originally referred to "an extravagant but burdensome gift that cannot be easily disposed of, based on the legend of the King of Siam gifting rare albino elephants to courtiers who had displeased him, that they might be ruined by the animals' upkeep costs." White elephant sales often feature older items that may retain some value but may not have any intrinsic use. Baseball fans may recall that the Philadelphia Athletics used the White Elephant as an image for their baseball franchise.

Buffalo United Methodist Women

In preparation for the October Bazaar, two batches of noodles were made in September. They will be priced at \$2.50 per bag. Thanks to the noodle makers. The Mission of Hope will receive money collected from the "cookie table" at the Bazaar.

The next UMW meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21 at 9:30 am. Judy Hackney will be responsible for the program. Lori Ampey, from Tanager Place, will provide an update on the \$1000 *Saving Our Sisters* grant. If you would like to donate packaged snacks, drinks, or craft items for the girls in the program, contact Judy Hackney.

Buffalo UMC

Notes on the Administrative Board Meeting

The Board's two-hour long meeting on the morning of September 15 was quite busy, with actions taken on a diverse menu of topics. Below are some of the primary issues addressed at the meeting:

- The Trustee's Report contained an expression of thanks to Gary Hackney for installing security lights outside the church and upgrading electrical outlets and faceplates throughout the church.
- The Board authorized Chris Gochenouer to purchase a new laptop computer that will be used for sending directions to the church's electronic message board.
- After a review of the current fellowship room rental policy, the Board voted to raise the fee to \$75 for non-members (no fee for members); the damage deposit would remain at \$50. Chris Gochenouer and Mary Fredericksen volunteered to monitor the rental arrangements.
- The Board approved the distribution of a Sunday Morning Worship response form that would be available in the pews and handed out once a month with the bulletins.
- After a review of the expenditures for the 145th anniversary celebration, the Board voted to use memorial funds for the purchase of a wind chimes that would be installed with the new Labyrinth.
- The Board authorized the installation of electricity for the new shed, making it possible to install an electric garage door opener.
- A dozen of the New Revised Standard Version Bibles removed from the pews this summer will be kept at the church and used for the Little Free Library and as gifts for anyone needing a Bible for their personal use. The rest of the Bibles will be donated to the Ingathering in November.
- Although there could be substantial benefits to having permanent church signs installed on 29th and 32nd streets, the Board members felt such signs would likely create recurrent problems and decided not to pursue the construction and installation of signs at the present time.

Church Cleaning

Thursday, October 13 at 9 am. Thanks to everyone who helps clean.

World Communion Sunday

On October 3, the first Sunday in the month, United Methodist congregations will join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday.

World Communion Sunday began in 1933 at a Presbyterian church in Pennsylvania. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Rev. Kerr appropriately chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which included all of the predecessor denominations of The United Methodist Church, adopted World-Wide Communion Sunday.

United Methodists believe in an open table, anyone may receive communion. Our Book of Worship says, "All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and cup."

In United Methodist Churches around the world, a special offering is collected on World Communion Sunday to fund scholarships for seminarians. One half of the proceeds is for World Communion Sunday Scholars and the other half is for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

Neighborhood Potluck

Join us on Thursday, October 14 at 11:30 am for a potluck meal and good conversation. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

Hy-Vee Receipts

We continue to collect Hy-Vee Receipts for Garfield Elementary School. There is a large glass jar in the back of the sanctuary for the receipts. Thanks.



October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>What counts in life is not the mere fact that we've lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead. ~Nelson Mandela</i>					1	2 Prepare pets for Blessing of the Animals on Sunday.
3 8:45 am Worship Service Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 8:45 am Worship Service	11 Indigenous Peoples Day (Columbus Day Federal Holiday)	12	13 Church Cleaning (9:00 am)	14 Neighborhood Potluck (11:30)	15	16 Pastor Carol's Birthday Party (11:00 am – 3:00 pm)
17 8:45 am Worship Service	18	19	20 Admin Board Meeting	21 UMW (9:30 am)	22	23 Bazaar & Soup Luncheon (8 am – 3 pm)
24/31 8:45 am Worship Service	25	26	27	28	29	30 The day before All Hallows Eve

October Birthdays: 2 – Ada Olmsted 13 – Mary Richman 18 – Bobby Kelley
 18 – Shannon Kelley 19 – Beverly Brooks 22 – Ivy Seufferlein
 26 – Gloria Clinton 29 – Cameron Terpin

Wedding Anniversaries: 14 – Gary & Judy Hackney

Sunday Morning Worship Service

Scripture Readings

October 3: Mark 10: 2-16
 Hebrews 1: 1-4
 October 10: Mark 10: 17-31
 Psalms 22: 1-15
 October 17: Mark 10: 35-45
 Psalms 104: 1-9
 October 24: Mark 10: 46-52
 Hebrews 7: 23-28
 October 31: Mark 12: 28-34
 Hebrews 9: 11-14

Favorite Hymns?

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
 “How Can I Keep from Singing”
 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

What do these three hymns have in common? As any member of the Buffalo congregation would know, these are three of the congregation's favorite hymns. Pastor Carol would like to know of other hymns that are people's favorites. Please give her titles of hymns you would like to be included in future worship services. You can use the green Worship Service Response Forms to share your suggestions or send Pastor Carol an email.

Buffalo Calendar

October

- 3: World Wide Communion Sunday
Blessing of the Animals during Worship
Service--an outdoor event involving the Cedar
River First Nations Church
- 13: Spic 'n Span Church Cleaning Crew; everyone
welcome to help out (9:00 a.m.)
- 14: Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 a.m.)
- 20: Administrative Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)
- 21: UMW (9:30 a.m.)
- 23: Bazaar and Soup Luncheon (8:00 a.m. to 3:00
p.m.)
- 31: All Hallows Eve

November

- 1: All Saints Day
- 2: Bake Sale for the City and School Board Elections
- 4: Annual Charge Conference at Lovely Lane UMC
(6:30 p.m.)
- 25: Thanksgiving

Bake Sale for November 2 Election

Buffalo will serve as a polling station for the City and School Board elections on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Poll workers and voters will be rewarded with our ever-popular bake sale. A bucket will be available for monetary donations. Polls open at 7 a.m.

Birthday Party

Pastor Carol's family is organizing a birthday party for her and everyone is invited. The celebration will be held at the church on Saturday, October 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to attend the luncheon (which will be served from 11 to 1), please let Pastor Carol know so her family can have a more accurate idea how many people will be attending.

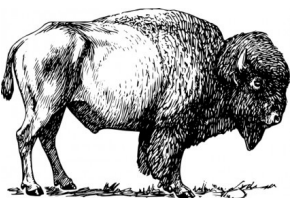
Don't forget that Buffalo's Labyrinth is open for prayer, meditation, and reflection seven days a week.



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