



Buffalo United Methodist Church

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Come Upon These Waters

by Bishop Laurie Haller

Gracious God, holy and wholly living Even in the unknown, even where there is chaos and confusion, remind us again and again of the power of your love, which ripples through history, changing lives, transforming the world, and creating new possibilities for kindness, compassion, caring, and connection. May these ripples of your love and grace flow freely out of us. May these ripples of your love and grace flow deeply in to us. Enlarge our hearts. Enliven our minds. Expand our imagination. Make gentle and generous our spirits. In Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

[On Friday, September 14] the General Conference delegates, alternates, and bishops of the North Central Jurisdiction met in Chicago for a 24-hour period of worship and prayer, holy conversation, discernment, and relationship building. The prayer above was suggested for our various group conversations.

During opening worship, we read Ephesians 3:14-21. We then shared in small groups a word, phrase, or image that stood out as we prepared our hearts and minds to participate in the 2019 General Conference. . . . This is what God spoke to me.

- When we speak, discern, and vote, we are standing on holy ground because we are rooted and grounded in love. We are called to take off our shoes in humility.

- The love of Christ is far greater than the knowledge that each one of us has.
- We can only grasp the breadth and length and height and depth of God's love when we love one another.
- Every single child and family in heaven and on earth takes their name from God. Every one.
- Who is God calling us to be at this moment? Who are we? Whose are we?
- We can tap into the power of the One who works within us far more abundantly than we can imagine when we humble ourselves, admitting that we are not always right and that we don't have all the answers.

We were then invited to ask ourselves the question, "What does God invite me/us to do, be, or change through this passage?" This is what I heard from the group:

- We are invited to give up being right.
- We are encouraged to see people as precious children of God and not as causes.
- We are called to acknowledge that "There is a wideness in God's mercy."
- God is challenging us to change personally and corporately as a denomination.

As we concluded worship with the renewal of our baptismal vows, I was taken back to May 15, 1970, the date of my baptism as a teenager. Mennonites practice "believers' baptism," so children were not baptized in my church until

they went through two years of study in middle/high school and were ready to declare their own faith.

I vividly remembered my baptism at the large wooden font that was directly in front of a tall, red stained-glass window. In my classes, I was taught that the red color represents not only the Holy Spirit but the many Anabaptists (“re-baptizers”) in the 16th century who were persecuted and even martyred for their faith because they refused to go to war and would only baptize upon confession of faith. The towel

on the baptismal stand was a symbolic way of saying that while baptism may not always be baptism into suffering and death, it will always be baptism into service.

Reflections of the window splashed across the floor as my pastor said, “Laurie Ann Hartzel, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” My life has not been the same since that day.

[Bishop Haller’s complete, unedited text was posted September 24 on her blog <http://www.lauriehaller.org/>]



United Methodist Women

Come join us on Thursday, October 18 at 9:30 am. After a short business meeting, the program will be provided by Judy Hackney. The hostess in October is Verna Cartano.

Karen Goedeken, from Gloria DEI Lutheran Church, visited in September. Assisted by many photographs, she talked about the water project their church has helped sponsor for seven years in Marindi Parish in Tanzania. Soon the village of 5000 will have water in their hospital.

Special Offering in October

Word Communion Sunday is the first Sunday in October. Around the globe, youth and young adults face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them. For first-generation ethnic students and people of color who have often not had access to the resources of higher education, the road toward education has often been closed and unavailable. Nelson Mandela said, “Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.” Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

Fall Bazaar and Soup Luncheon

Date: Saturday, October 13

Time: 8 am to 3 pm

Menu: Homemade chili or chicken noodle soup; ham sandwich; cinnamon roll; beverages

Adults: \$7.00 Children 6-12: \$2.50

Children 5 & under: FREE

Bazaar Items: Bake Sale, Crafts, and White

Elephant Treasures. And, of course, RADA

Knives and homemade noodles.

Tables to rent: \$25

October is the perfect month for eliminating clutter in your life by donating idle, redundant, unwanted, unused, unappreciated, pleonastic [pleonastic?] household items to the Buffalo White Elephant Shop. While the Bazaar does not include clothing, small household items, craft creations, baked goods, and holiday décor are always welcomed and appreciated.

Important contact people:

- If you have items to pick up, you can call Chris Gochenouer (363-5000).
- If you are able to help on Saturday, the 13th, please contact Marlene Himes or Barb Crawford. The luncheon hours are a busy time when many hands are essential.

Don Durand's Eulogy

*Gloria's eulogy for Don Durand,
delivered at his memorial service
on September 15, 2018.*

Today we celebrate the life of Don Durand. Don would want me to thank each one of you for being here today as you have been in the past to surround him with your love and to support those he loves. A son, brother, husband, friend, mentor, employee, neighbor, patient, client. Many of you have known Don for his whole life, some for a number of years, and some for only a short time. Each one of you will have thoughts of Don that are yours alone and will help you to go forward. Some of you know more about Don than he would want you to share and some have stories that need to be shared with everyone here.

I first met Don as a client when he and Becky came into CornerHouse Gallery to view art many years ago. We quickly connected and shared many conversations about whatever we were dealing with at the moment. We did not always agree, but Don is always willing to give you, your say. Don and Becky always supported the church I attend, Buffalo UMC, by attending many fund raisers and eventually joined the congregation. A few years ago I could not attend the funeral of a friend unless I closed my gallery. Don said I needed to go and although he knew nothing about running a gallery, he stayed at the gallery so I could go. What a Guy.

Who was THAT GUY?

- The child of Faith who has no issue letting you know his love of God and telling of how God shed light upon his path to show him the way
- The man who shares with others the lessons he learned in life to help you on your own journey.
- The brother who truly was the one and only.
- He is the one who won't always tell you what you want to hear but will always tell you what you need to hear.

- The friend who always comes when you need him for whatever you need him for.
- The father who always has your back even when he really questions your good sense.
- The husband who always wants the best for you, loves you forever, and even in death will be at your side.
- The grandfather who holds you in his arms and lets you know how loved and special you are.
- The fisherman who seeks out the best fishing hole, hoping to catch the MOST fish so he has enough to share with his friends at the end of the season.
- The art collector who chooses to support art created in the Midwest by Midwest artists.
- The citizen who is passionate about his country and what it stands for.
- The fighter who takes on the most challenging battles even when the outcome is not victorious.

As you have heard I speak of Don as if he were here and I truly believe he is. Do not grieve for the body that no longer served Don here. Continue his life each day by passing on what Don has given you . . . love, passion, knowledge, strength, friendship, compassion. Take care of each other and know that he is right beside you. As his presence was with you in life, his spirit lives on with you today. Don asks you each to carry on his work by stepping up to the task, comforting a friend, standing up for the truth, supporting those in need. By doing that you will use "missing him" into the mission of "keeping him" forever with us by your acts. Thank God for THAT GUY.

*Don requested that the poem "The Dash"
by Linda Ellis be read at his memorial service.*

*The text of the poem has been posted
to the Bison Blog on Buffalo's website:*

*<http://buffalounitedmethodist.weebly.com/bison-blog>
"What matters is how we lived and loved
and how we spend our dash."*

September Administrative Board Report

- The cross & flame from Trinity UMC will be installed on the 30th Street side of the church; Tom Ferguson is in charge of its installation.
- The Ice Cream Supper went well, with good food and great fellowship. The National Night Out evening, however, was not a success. The city did not advertise, and our only visitors were the police and firefighters.
- We will purchase 15 Buffalo dark green aprons with white embroidery (the script "Buffalo UMC" and a Buffalo profile). The aprons will help identify Buffalo members when hosting dinners or other church events. Individuals will be able to purchase their own apron.
- The Little Library has been installed and the two black and red benches have been secured. The Little Library has been registered and its registration plaque permanently displayed. Books for the Library will be kept on a shelf in the meeting room. We will also print bookmarks with information about the library and church.
- The Board decided to schedule another Linn Community Food Bank Challenge. The goal is to collect 200 [later amended to 150] cans of soup by October 21. Chicken Noodle Soup and Tomato Soup are the favorites; other canned items accepted. Our reward will be a "Hymn Sing Sunday," saving Pastor Kathryn the burden of writing and delivering a sermon.
- The Board scheduled 2019 church events (see page 6 of this newsletter for those dates)
- The annual Fall Bazaar will be October 13, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is circulating and noodles are being made.
- The Board members briefly discussed the benefits of replacing the name of our monthly "Golden Age" Potluck with a name that might be more attractive to younger people in the neighborhood (such as stay-at-home mothers). Also discussed providing scholarships to help fund young people from the neighborhood in attending a Methodist church camp.

Bertram Fall Supper

Saturday, November 3, 5-7:00 pm

Bertram Town Hall

Methodist UMC Quiz

1. *What is the birthplace of John Wesley?*
A. Epworth B. London C. Savannah, Georgia
2. *What do we call the day John Wesley's heart was "strangely warmed?"*
A. Burning Heart Sunday B. Warm Wesley Day
C. Strange Sunday D. Aldersgate Day
3. *How many hymns/poems did Charles Wesley write?*
A. 400 B. 900 C. 4,000 D. 9,000
4. *What new holiday was recognized at the Methodists' General Conference in 1912?*
A. Mother's Day B. Father's Day
C. Memorial Day D. Labor Day
5. *Which is not a tip for good health from John Wesley?*
A. Take cold baths B. Rise at 4 or 5 a.m.
C. Stand while reading and writing
D. Exercise to the point of weariness
6. *Where does "united" come from in the denomination's name?*
A. Refers to church's roots in United Kingdom
C. Encourages church members to stay together
D. Refers to Evangelical United Brethren Church
7. *The founding of the Methodist Church in America took place at the Christmas Conference in which city?*
A. New York B. Baltimore C. Philadelphia
8. *Name two of Francis Asbury's horses.*
A. Peter and John B. Seabiscuit and Hard Tack
C. Little Jane and Little Fox

Answers: 1 - A; 2 - D; 3 - D; 4 - A; 5 - D; 6 - D; 7 - B; 8 - C

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2018</h1>					<i>"The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion." ~John Wesley</i>	
	1	2 11:30 am: Mission of Hope	3	4	5 Popping Corn at Garfield	6
7 8:45 am: Worship Service World Communion Sunday	8 9:00 am: Church Cleaning	9	10	11	12	13 8:00 am Fall Bazaar (til 3:00 pm)
14 8:45 am: Worship Service, followed by Charge Conference	15	16	17 4:00 pm: Admin Board Meeting	18 9:30 am: UMW	19	20
21 8:45 am: Worship "Soup Collection Challenge"	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 8:45 am: Worship 4:00 pm: Trunk or Treat	29	30	31	<i>"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." ~John Wesley</i>		

Nine October Birthdays

2 – Ada Olmsted	19 – Beverly Brooks
15 – Mary Richman	22 – Ivy Seufferlein
18 – Bobby Kelley	26 – Gloria Clinton
18 – Shannon Kelley	29 – Cameron Terpin
31 – Richard Stanford	

One October Anniversary

14 – Gary & Judy Hackney



Buffalo UMC Autumn Dates

- October 2: Mission of Hope, assisting Bertram
with Lunch (11:30 am to 1:00 pm)
- October 5: Popping Corn at Garfield
- October 8: Church Cleaning (9 am)
- October 13: Fall Bazaar (8 am to 3 pm)
- October 14: Charge Conference (right after
worship service)
- October 21: Last day for "Soup Collection
Challenge"; monetary donations are also
appreciated
- October 21: Treats due for 60 Garfield Backpack
students
- October 28: Trunk or Treat (4 to 5 pm)
- November 6: Election Day Bake Sale

2019 Buffalo Events Calendar

At the September Administrative Board meeting,
the following events were scheduled for 2019:

- Christmas Dinner: Sunday, January 20
- Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, April 6
(7:00 to 11:00 am)
- Yard Sale: Thursday, June 13
(8:00 am to 6:00 pm)
Friday, June 14 (8:00 am to 1:00 pm)
- Ice Cream Supper: Saturday, August 3
(4:00 to 7:00 pm)
- Fall Bazaar: Saturday, October 12
(8:00 am to 3:00 pm)
- Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 27
(4:00 to 5:00 pm)

Three Wednesday Night Music & Prayer Worship Services at Buffalo

Two Taizé Prayer Services

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Hymn Sing Songfest

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

All services begin at 7:00 pm and should last about one hour. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and fellow workers to join us for these evenings of scripture, prayer, music, and celebration.

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