

Buffalo United Methodist

October 2022

1000 30th Street NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402



Pastor Carol's Desk

Here it is October already. We can see the tree leaves starting to turn color. And we all know what will be coming next. This time of the year brings back many memories to us--Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. I would love to hear some of your memories.

Many of my favorite memories involve the Christmas season. I remember walking into my grandmother's house and smelling all the wonderful food cooking, especially the home-made bread. The table would be set so beautifully. Back then we did not have enough high chairs for the little ones, ages three or four. It was so much fun watching Grandma getting out the phone books, the wish books, and anything else she could find for the children to sit on. We could reach the table and eat with everyone else. As a family, we all became one.

The laughter and talking was so interesting. Although sometimes I did not understand what they were talking about, I laughed any way, because everyone was laughing.

These memories remind me of how God works in our lives. There are times we don't understand what God is trying to tell us. But the important thing is, we are listening, absorbing all that God has to offer us. Some times God has to show us what we need to be doing. God will guide our hands if we allow our heart and mind to work together. God will never lead us astray. We are never alone. We never walk alone. God enables us to recall and share our most wonderful memories, reminding us of the love that surrounds us.

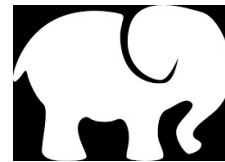
Blessings,

Pastor Carol

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Bazaar and Soup Luncheon

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 22, the date for Buffalo's October Bazaar and Luncheon. The meal will feature our homemade chili or chicken noodle soup, accompanied by a ham sandwich, cinnamon roll, and beverage. The Bazaar will include a bake sale (proceeds to be donated to the National Alliance on Mental Illness), White Elephant items, RADA cutlery, and homemade noodles. We open the doors at 8:00 a.m. and plan to be finished by 2 p.m. Tables are available for rent during the Bazaar. White elephant donations are appreciated.



Noodle Making for October Bazaar

We will be making noodles at 8:00 am on Monday, October 3. In September we processed 33 (12 oz) bags of noodles plus three gallon bags for the chicken noodle soup. For this next--and "final"--noodle making, more hands are needed, no special talent required. We do recommend wearing old clothing. Contact Barb Crawford (319-826-2468) if you have questions.

Mid-Week Devotions

A new page has recently been added to the Buffalo Website. Each Wednesday, a new devotional reading will be posted. The devotion will include a scripture from the Bible, a short passage for thoughtful meditation, a prayer, and a link to a recording of appropriate religious music. The Bison Blog will continue to post items dealing with spiritual, cultural, social, and religious issues involving the church and our Christian faith.

Administrative Board Meeting in September

Here's a quick summary of issues addressed at the September Board meeting.

- The city of Cedar Rapids is requiring repairs of the sidewalk on the 30th Street side of the church. Allowing the city to do the repair work will eliminate the need for the church to arrange a series of inspections. Because the damage to the sidewalk occurred during the cleanup efforts after the derecho, the cost of the repairs can be covered by our insurance payment.
- The electricity to the shed will be paid with the derecho insurance settlement. The Board authorized the Trustees to purchase a garage door opener and lights for the shade.
- The Board approved a schedule for Sunday Worship Service's "noisy offerings" in 2023. The schedule can be found in the right-hand column on this page. The Board considered a schedule of special worship services for 2023, but a final decision on that schedule was postponed until the next Board meeting.
- The Board members discussed the situation with pot holes in the parking lot and requested that Gary Hackney report back on how we might best proceed. Chris Gochenouer volunteered to paint the bench on the south side of the church. The Hackneys have purchased spikes that once installed should make it more difficult for birds to defecate on the windows of the church's worship center.
- The Board authorized the purchase of a new laptop computer for Pastor Carol to assist with her education and pastoral responsibilities.

Stuff for Sale

RADA items are available for purchase, including delightful dishcloths, professional paring knives, beautiful bagel knives, choice cheese slicing knives, balanced bread slicers, handy ham slicers, and versatile vegetable peelers. Contact Barb Crawford if you are in need of new utensils or seeking perfect Christmas presents for friends and family. (319-826-2468)

Electricity

Thanks to Gary Hackney and the electricians at Dependable Electric Inc., we now have electricity in the shed. Gary spent many hours in September digging an eighteen inch trench for the electrical cable. Your hard work is appreciated Gary.

Noisy Offerings for 2023

At the September meeting, the Board approved the following schedule for Noisy Offerings in 2023. Keep in mind that if you are unable to attend a worship service when the Noisy Offering is collected, you can donate the money at an earlier or later date.

January 15: Human Relations Day (majority of donation sent to the General Board of Global Ministries)

February 12: Disabilities Awareness Sunday (Iowa Conference support of education opportunities and grants to local churches in removing barriers to accessibility)

March 19: One Great Hour of Sharing (funds to United Methodist Committee on Relief)

April 23: Native American Ministries Sunday (Iowa Conference funding for programs serving Native Americans)

May 7: Golden Cross Sunday (Iowa Conference assistance to local churches and community groups with health and welfare ministries)

June 4: Peace with Justice Sunday (support for General Board and Iowa Conference in their peace and justice initiatives)

July 9: Rural Life Sunday (Iowa Conference funds to enrich ministries in towns and rural areas)

August 13: Neighbor Helping Neighbor (Iowa Conference funds to assist local congregations)

September 10: Christian Education (Iowa Conference funds to support small groups/classes, camperships, and scholarships for Christian educators)

October 1: World Communion Sunday (support for scholarships and in-service training programs)

November 26: United Methodist Student Day (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry funding of scholarships and student loans)

December 10: Local Congregational Choice (support for local organization or charity to be chosen by Buffalo's Administrative Board)

Noisy Offering for World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for U.S. racial and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Funds are also provided to support non-degree in-service training programs. The Noisy Offering will be collected at the worship service on Sunday, October 9.

October 2022

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
2 9:00 am Worship Service	3 Noodle Making (8:00 am)	4	5	6	7	1/8
9 9:00 am Worship Service	10	11 Bible Study (9:30 am)	12 Clean Church (9:00 am)	13 Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 am)	14	15
16 9:00 am Worship <i>Charge Conf.</i> (5:30 p.m.)	17	18 Bible Study (9:30 am)	19	20 United Women in Faith (9:30 am)	21	22 Annual Fall Bazaar & Luncheon (8:00 am - 2:00 p.m.)
23 9:00 am Worship Service	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship Service	31 Halloween!	<p style="text-align: center;">When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ~from the Gospel of Luke</p>				

October Birthdays: 2 – Ada Olmsted 15 – 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

Buffalo's United Women in Faith

Every year United Women in Faith award a Mission Recognition Pin and certificate to a person who does an outstanding job serving the church. In conjunction with this award, a monetary donation is sent to a missions program. For 2022 Linda Otto was chosen to receive this award. With a smile on her face, Linda is always willing to help in any way she can. From scrubbing toilets, to making noodles, you can count on Linda.

Everyone is welcome to attend the United Women in Faith monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month. At 9:30 a.m. on October 20, we will be meeting for a short business meeting, followed by a timely program.

Food Bank Challenge

For this coming holiday season, Linn Community Food Bank is requesting special donations of three items:

- canned pumpkin (15 oz)
- evaporated milk (12 oz)
- canned cranberry sauce.

These items will be included in the Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes distributed by the food bank. There are boxes in the back of the sanctuary for your donations. October 31 is the deadline for delivering your donations to the church. Barb Crawford, our ever-dependable liaison with the Food Bank, will ensure that our donations are delivered in a timely manner.

Buffalo Calendar

Events & Opportunities in October

- October 3:** Making noodles (8:00 a.m.)
October 11: Bible Study (9:30 a.m.)
October 12: Clean church (9:00 a.m.)
October 13: Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 a.m.)
October 16: Bob Marrs, guest speaker at Worship Service (9:00 a.m.)
Charge Conference at St. Paul's (5:30 p.m.)
October 18: Bible Study (9:30 a.m.)
October 20: United Women in Faith (9:30 a.m.)
October 22: Annual Fall Bazaar (8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Bible Study: Women in the Bible

The Bible Study led by Pastor Carol will continue in October, meeting at 9:30 a.m.

October 11: Naomi

October 18: Leah

For further information about participating in this study group, feel free to contact Pastor Carol (phone: 319-366-8748)

A Neighborly Potluck

Synonyms for "neighborly":

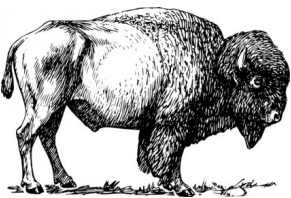
friendly, chummy, amiable, affable, agreeable, cordial, amicable, sociable, gregarious, convivial, companionable, familiar, accessible, intimate, close, near, cozy, homey, warm-hearted, generous, sharing, hospitable, kind, well-disposed, considerate, helpful, brotherly, sisterly, thoughtful, solicitous, attentive, gracious, courteous, polite, harmonious, easy to get along with.

At 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 13, meet your neighbors at Buffalo and enjoy a "neighborly" potluck meal. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

Buffalo Seeking Landscape/Gardener

At the last Board meeting, Bob Marrs informed the Board that he would be unable to continue donating any substantial time to maintenance of Buffalo's landscape and gardens (which includes our outstanding strawberry bed). The Board is now seeking someone who would assume these landscape and garden responsibilities. It's likely this will be a paid position. If you know someone potentially interested in such a position, ask them to contact Margie Marrs, Chair of the Administrative Board (home phone: 319-362-9494).

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