

Buffalo United Methodist Church



September 2021

1000 30th Street NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Pastor Carol's Desk

I am so excited to be involved with Buffalo UMC. Everyone has been so very friendly and kind. This past month I visited with Marlene Himes at the hospital and met her daughter. We had a wonderful visit. At the beginning of August I went to Marlene's house and had communion with her and Fred. I've also frequently been on the phone with Joyce Hartman and have prayed with her on several occasions. Please keep Marlene and Joyce (and Larry and Fred and their families) in your prayers. And don't forget that my office hours are on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. If you are in the neighborhood, please stop by and chat.

I shared this story with the congregation a few weeks ago, and I thought it would be appropriate to include in the newsletter. I used to have as neighbors Grace and Francis, and Grace discovered that I really like lemon angel food cake. She started to make a lemon angel cake from scratch at least once a week. She would bring a piece over for a taste test, and I would tell her it was good but not quite there yet. After about six weeks of experimenting, she brought over this perfect lemon angel food cake, and I told her it was the best I had ever tasted. She was so happy and believe me, so was I.

Shortly after she brought me that wonderful cake, Graced passed away. Oh, how I missed her, our talks over the fence, our laughter and sharing. Grace was very involved in her church, and I would listen with open ears. I wanted to take in everything Grace had to say.

There was a bush in my backyard, which was on the property line between my home and Grace's. When it was blooming, it was the sweetest fragrance that I had ever smelled. The following spring I was in my backyard, thinking of Grace, when a gentle wind picked

up, and the fragrance was beautiful. It then dawned on me that Grace was telling me, "I am OK, I am with God."

When the storm hit last August, that bush was destroyed. But the message from Grace was not. When we put our faith in God, such memories are not destroyed. The lovely memories of special people we have met will live on with us forever.

*Psalms 18: 1-2: I love you, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock, my fortress and deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.*

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

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Pastor Carol & Pastor Kathryn
at the August 14 Camp Meeting and
Hymn Sing

The 145th Celebration

A Retrospective of Special Moments

I'm sure each of us would identify different favorite moments in the 145th celebration. Here are a few random memories I will cherish:

- Pastor Carol contacting the *Gazette* and inspiring an excellent article in the paper's Saturday, August 14 edition.
- Becky obtaining six cases of bottled water donated by a local Hy-Vee store.
- Barb arranging a wonderful display of photos and historical documents.
- Mary patiently handling the order for souvenir Buffalo pens that are attractive and really work.
- Becky, Eileen, and Sheryl providing marvelous cookies and treat bags.
- Everywhere I looked, Linda helping someone do something.
- Margie leading the singing of great old-time hymns.
- Hep and Eileen both with cameras taking photos and shooting videos during the Hymn Sing.
- Pastor Kathryn's performance as a circuit rider and the assignment of Gary to the sinner's bench (with no objections from Judy).
- The appearance of Eunice, Sam Hahn's daughter, at the dedication of the Hahn Memorial sculpture.
- The sculptor Cara Briggs-Farmer's kind words in appreciation of the Buffalo congregation .
- The drumming, singing, and dancing of the Cedar River First Nations community at the worship service and throughout the afternoon activities.
- The sermon delivered by Rev. Paul Akin at the worship service, with his exhortation that we all consider adopting the motto GINTWUY.
- Nelson's delicious meal with Chris, her family, and other helpful assistants efficiently serving the meal and cleaning up when folks were done eating.
- The challenge of getting 50 people in three lines for a group photo.
- Gloria's superb handling of the memorial service, and the glowing tributes in recognition of those being honored with the new Labyrinth, the trees, the benches..
- Watching a three-year old boy run around and around and around the Labyrinth paths.
- Our prayers answered: perfect weather for the entire weekend.

~Bob Marrs

Francis "Bud" Sundberg

The Celebration of Life for Francis "Bud" Sundberg will be on Saturday, September 11, from 2 to 5 pm at the Bertram Town Hall.

September Special Offering

The Iowa Annual Conference authorizes local congregations to set aside one Sunday in September as "Christian Education Sunday." The goal of this special offering is to celebrate and promote Christian education and spiritual formation. One hundred percent of the funds donated to the Annual Conference will be used as follows: 33% Camperships, 33% to support new small groups or classes reaching new people in new places (groups outside the traditional setting), and 34% Scholarships for Christian educators.

Church Cleaning

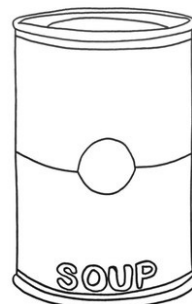
Thursday, September 9 at 9 am. Thanks to everyone who helps clean.

Buffalo United Methodist Women

The Secret Pal revealing lunch on Thursday, August 19 went well, with good food, good company, and good bingo. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 16 at 9:30 a.m. Barb Crawford will present the program.

Soup Challenge

The next time you go shopping, please consider purchasing several regular size cans of tomato or chicken noodle soup for the Linn Community Food Bank. Pastor Carol has challenged the congregation to collect 100 cans of soup by Sunday, September 26. That hot soup will taste good for families who depend on the Food Bank for their meals during the fall and winter months. Thanks.



Do you know what medicines you take?

Just a reminder to carry a list of medicines, including dosages and amounts, in your purse/wallet. The list could come in handy in an emergency.

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. ~Psalm 125</i>			1	2	3	4
5 8:45 am Worship Service Communion	6 Labor Day Rosh Hashanah (begins at sunset)	7	8	9 Church Cleaning (9:00 am) Neighborhood Potluck (11:30)	10	11
12 8:45 am Worship Service	13	14	15 Admin Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.) Yom Kippur	16 UMW (9:30 a.m.)	17	18
19 8:45 am Worship Service	20	21	22 Autumn Equinox	23	24	25
26 8:45 am Worship Service	27	28	29	30	<i>Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. ~James 3:13</i>	

September Birthdays: 3 – Linda Otto 25 – Rev. Marilyn Buchanan
27 – Heather Goldsberry

Wedding Anniversaries: 3 – Ray & Joan Musil 9 – Bob & Margie Marrs

Worship Service Scripture Readings

Sunday Morning Worship Services

September 5: Mark 7: 24-37
Psalm 125
September 12: Mark 8: 27-38
James 3: 1-12
September 19: Mark 9: 30-37
James 3: 13, 4:3 and 7,8
September 26: Mark 9: 38-50
James 5: 13-20

Did You Know?

Did you know that the following information can be found on the Buffalo UMC website:

- An updated monthly calendar listing dates and times for the congregation's activities, meetings, etc.
- A list of church officers, including membership on church committees.
- Favorite recipes submitted by Sheryl, Verna, Marlene, Becky, Barb, Mary, Chris, Margie, Judy, and one male chef.

Website address:

<http://buffalounitedmethodist.weebly.com/>

Buffalo Calendar

September

- 5: Communion Sunday; Baptism during Worship Service
- 9: Spic 'n Span Church Cleaning Crew; everyone welcome to help out (9:00 a.m.)
Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 a.m.)
- 11: Celebration of Life for Francis "Bud" Sundberg from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Bertram Town Hall
- 12: Neal Johnson from Asbury Methodist, guest vocalist at Sunday Morning Worship Service
- 15: Administrative Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)
- 16: UMW (9:30 a.m.)
- 26: Last Sunday for soup donations (Linn Community Food Bank)

October

- 23: Bazaar and Soup Luncheon (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

November

- 4: Annual Charge Conference at Lovely Lane UMC (6:30 pm)
- 25: Thanksgiving

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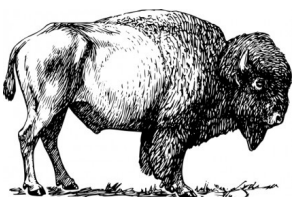
Bazaar and Soup Luncheon

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 23 Buffalo's famous homemade chili or chicken noodle soup lunch with a ham sandwich, cinnamon roll, and beverage. The Bazaar will also include a bake sale, White Elephant items, RADA, and homemade noodles. Hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables are available for rent during the Bazaar. White elephant, gray donkey, green terrapin, and blue cow donations are appreciated.

Neighborhood Pot Luck

Join us on Thursday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. for a pot luck meal and friendly, joy-filled conversations. Beverages and tableware provided. And why not bring along a can of chicken noodle or tomato soup for the Linn Community Food Bank?

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



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