

Buffalo United Methodist Church



September 2023

1000 30th Street NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Pastor Carol's Desk

So far this year we have had a great time with all the things that have been happening at Buffalo UMC. The rummage sale was an outstanding event, with so many good quality items for people to purchase. Visitors told me how well the rummage sale was organized and how nice were the people at Buffalo.

This past month, we had our Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing, a really great event. One woman said "It was the best" and brought back memories of her childhood. A big thanks to Margie for leading us in the singing. And a big thanks to all the ladies who worked in the kitchen and prepared the meal and had everything so well organized. Thanks to everyone who attended and made it such an "extra special" evening.

I am praying for all those who are home bound. I trust you all know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

It always seems that at this time of year when the kids are going back to school, we have some really hot weather. While I know we are used to the high temperatures, I pray that the kids remain safe and healthy. They deserve to have a great school year that's loaded with fun, excitement, and making new friends.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." We are all God's children. God gives us strength when we need it and laughs with us when we laugh. We are never alone since God is with us each and every hour of each and every day. As children of God, may you all have a blessed September.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

September's Special Offering

During the Worship Service on September 10 we will collect a "Noisy Offering" in support of Christian Education. The UMC's Iowa Conference will use our contributions to support small groups/classes, campships, and scholarships for Christian educators.

Neighborhood Potluck Thursday, September 14

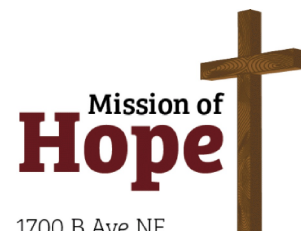
Join us at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 14 for our neighborly potluck. Feel free to bring along a friend, neighbor, relative, or anyone who might benefit from a good meal and good conversation. As always, beverages and tableware will be provided.

United Women in Faith September Meeting

Come join us at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 21. After a short business meeting there will be a program provided by Mary Fredericksen and Joyce Hartmann. Every one is invited.

Mission of Hope

There is a large box in the back of the sanctuary labeled "Mission of Hope." Donations of cereal, canned goods, personal hygiene products, and toilet paper are greatly appreciated.



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Ooodles of Noodles

Noodles are an ancient food traditionally linked to Asian cuisine. They can be made with many grains, including millet, wheat, rice, mung bean, potato, and yam flour. Noodles have been a staple of Chinese cuisine for thousands of years. In 2005, researchers found 4,000-year-old hand-pulled millet noodles within an upturned clay bowl in Northwestern China.

Noodles became popular outside of China thanks to the Silk Road, and in the 13th century Marco Polo spread the word about noodles after his travels in China. Now, over 700 years later, the master culinary artists of Buffalo are preparing their renowned hand-made noodles in preparation for the Fall Bazaar.

Master Noodle Chef Barb Crawford has announced that there will be two Buffalo Noodle making sessions beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 11 and two weeks later on Monday, September 25. For those of you who have not previously helped with our noodle operation, this is a perfect opportunity to enhance your skills in a culinary tradition that stretches back to the beginning of human history. Experienced noodle mixers, kneaders, pullers, and slicers are also welcome to join the fun.

Advent Study

with Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai

Four sessions at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

November 28 and December 5, 12, & 19

Our Bishop invites everyone to participate in this Advent study with friends from across Iowa. The sessions will focus on Bishop Ken Carter's new book, *Unrelenting Grace*. Further information and registration procedures are available on the Buffalo website's "UMC Connections" page.



"Welcome to our church—even though you're sitting in our family pew . . ."

The Hymn Sing and "Buffalo Dog" Picnic

The Hymn Sing and picnic supper on Saturday evening, August 19, was a success. It was wonderful to see so many children participate in the service. Thanks to Margie Marrs for selecting the hymns from an old EUB song book and leading us in singing such favorites as "Blessed Assurance," "In the Garden," "Softly and Tenderly," "Marching to Zion," and "Amazing Grace." Becky Durand and Linda Otto coordinated the picnic meal and prepared the "Buffalo Dogs." Thanks to everyone who donated the chips, desserts, salads, tomatoes, and other garden vegetables.

Supporting the Ecumenical Community Center

The ECCF is located at 601 Second Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids. Their Mission Statement emphasizes a commitment to "Sharing Ministries of Humanitarian Care and Service with the Surrounding Neighborhoods." People in urgent need can come to ECCF for help with rent, utilities, transportation, education, and other basic necessities. While assisting people with immediate needs, the ECCF also helps guide people toward longer-term solutions. The Ecumenical Center serves about 1,000 local residents each year and is in need of the following donations:

- money
- personal care items
- clothing
- money
- toilet tissue
- dish soap and dry laundry soap
- money

Judy Hackney (319-393-0188) will be glad to transport the donations. Thanks for the gifts already received.

Hy-Vee Receipts

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

GINTWUY

Has anyone noticed that on the back page of each week's worship bulletin is a Congregational Calendar with the letters "GINTWUY" prominently displayed. Does anyone know what those letters stand for and why they appear in each Sunday's worship bulletin?

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>When any church will inscribe over its altar, as its sole qualification for membership, the Savior's condensed statement of the substance of both law and Gospel, 'Thou shalt love the lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and thy neighbor as thyself' that church will I join with all my heart and all my soul.</i> ~Abraham Lincoln</p>					1	2
3 Worship Service & Communion (9:00 am)	4 Labor Day (federal holiday)	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship Service (9:00 am) Noisy Offering	11 Noodle Making (8:00 a.m.)	12	13 Church Cleaning (9:00 am)	14 Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 am)	15	16
17 Worship Service (9:00 am)	18	19	20	21 United Women of Faith (9:30 a.m.)	22	23 Fall Equinox
24 Worship Service (9:00 am)	25 Noodle Making (8:00 a.m.)	26	27	28	29	30

September (and early October) Birthdays: 3 – Linda Otto 9 - Sheila Gatewood
 25 – Rev. Marilyn Buchanan 27 – Heather Goldsberry October 2 – Ada Olmsted

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

Jobs Well Done

- Thanks to Gary Hackney for remodeling the men's bathroom by the sanctuary. A new sink, commode and urinal will soon be ready for use.
- Thanks to Gary for moving a large cement slab to create a much needed step by the back door of the church.
- Thanks to Becky Durand, Chris Gochenouer, and Kim Griffith for painting the new wooden benches now located in front of the Hahn Memorial on the 30th Street side of the church. The wooden bench by the front church windows also received a fresh coat of paint.
- Thanks to Carla Lindball for the many hours she has spent nurturing the new trees, weeding, and watering.

- Thanks to Barb Crawford, Becky Durand, Chris Gochenouer, Ben and Kim Griffith, Linda Otto, and other volunteers for putting paper under the playground's wood chips and adding another cubic yard of chips. The quack grass, crab grass, and other "weeds" won't be defeated, but the new barriers will slow down the invasion of these unwelcome invaders.
- Thanks to Bob Marrs for planting two lilac bushes in memory of Marlene Himes by the old stone sign.
- Thanks to Chris Gochenouer for her weekly updating of the church's electronic sign, preparing a list of news items for each month's newsletter, and mailing copies of the newsletter to folks who can't attend Sunday services.

Buffalo Calendar

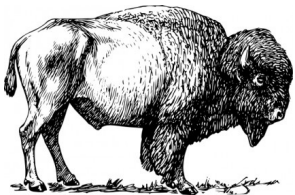
September 3: Communion Sunday
September 10: Noisy Offering for Christian Education
September 11: Noodle Making (8:00 a.m.)
September 13: Church Cleaning (9:00 a.m.)
September 14: Neighborhood potluck (11:30 a.m.)
September 21: United Women of Faith (9:30 a.m.)
September 25: Noodle Making (8:00 a.m.)
October 4: Administrative Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)
October 28: Bazaar, Soup Luncheon, and White Elephant Sale (8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
November 5: Charge Conference at Lovely Lane UMC
November 7: Bake Sale for Cedar Rapids Community School Board Election

Scripture readings for Sunday Morning

Worship Services in September

September 3: Gospel of Matthew 16: 21-28 & Psalm: 105: 1-6, 23-26
September 10: Gospel of Matthew 18: 15-20 & Psalm 149
September 17: Gospel of Matthew 18: 21-35 & Romans 14: 1-12
September 24: Gospel of Matthew 20: 1-16 & Psalm: 105: 1-6, 37-45

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Early Morning Prayer Vigil in Tennessee

Gun reform supporters, including United Methodist clergy and church members, gathered for an early morning prayer vigil at the Tennessee State Capitol in Nashville, Tenn., on August 21. The gathering came as lawmakers began a special legislative session focused on public safety and mental health following a mass shooting in March at the Covenant School in Nashville. The Rev. Ingrid McIntyre, a United Methodist pastor, helped organize the vigil.

United Methodists have long looked for ways to stop gun violence in all its forms. The denomination's Book of Resolutions encourages congregations to advocate for such measures as universal background checks for all gun purchases and bans on large-capacity ammunition magazines and weapons designed to fire multiple rounds each time the trigger is pulled, as were used in the Covenant School shooting.

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile."

~Billy Sunday