

# Buffalo United Methodist Church



September 2022

1000 30<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

## Pastor Carol's Desk

As we enter fall weather, we will be seeing God painting on his canvas. The oaks and maples will start turning a beautiful color. As we travel down unfamiliar roads, we will admire and enjoy the beautiful colors God has provided us.

This is a time of the year when memories often come flooding back to us. For some of us, we may recall going to our Grandparents' home for Thanksgiving. When we walked into the house, we smelled all the wonders of baking. Grandma was rushing around the house, making sure everything was perfect. Some of us may recall when our families would draw names for Christmas. Just thinking about this memory brings a smile to my face. It was a time of love and seeing cousins that I had not seen for a while. I hope you can recall wonderful memories from your own childhood.

We will be starting up Bible Study again. I will post dates the first week in September. We had such a good time this spring and summer with Bible Study. I am looking forward to studying with all of you again.

I really enjoy our time after church for coffee and conversation. It is such a relaxing time, laughing with each other, sharing how God nurtures our lives.

If you have favorite memories from your childhood, please take a few minutes to write me a letter sharing those memories, and perhaps I can share these stories with the rest of the congregation— with your permission, of course.

*Blessings,*  
Pastor Carol



## Buffalo's Present & Future

At the August Administrative Board meeting, the group discussed the church's current strengths and vision for the future. During the wide-ranging conversation, the following points had wide-spread agreement as a reasonable portrayal of Buffalo and its future:

- The Board members feel we have been and continue to be a welcoming and friendly church involved with the community. As a congregation, our members work effectively with each other.
- We intend to continue in the United Methodist Church tradition.
- Historically we have had a strong commitment to missions, particularly evident in our active United Women in Faith.
- We communicate effectively through the monthly newsletters, electronic sign. church website, telephone tree, and the Joys and Concerns email distributed after each church service. Pastor Carol sends cards to members who are unable to attend church services, and our outreach team sends cards to new visitors.
- We strive to meet the needs of our congregation, including the special needs of "empty nesters."
- We will continue to reach out to the community through monthly meals, the Little Library, Bible studies, and special church services (such as Christmas Eve and Taize Prayer Services).
- Despite our small numbers, we will continue to maintain a full schedule of neighborhood and social events (e.g., Pancake Breakfast, Rummage Sale).
- We look forward to more worship services outdoors and more engagement with our neighbors.
- It is critical that we remain true to our core traditions while finding ways to attract new members.
- We will continue to pray, to listen to God's word, to respond when God calls us.

## Midwest Mission Ingathering

Ingathering is a United Women in Faith project that Buffalo has supported for many years. The church board voted to use the August "noisy offering" collection to buy items for the annual Midwest Mission Ingathering kits due November 2022. The August offering collected \$172; however, further financial contributions are still welcome (cash is always appreciated). The Bertram UMC deserves a special thanks for their donation to help with shipping expenses.

The distribution center is an UMCOR cooperating depot and partners with many other nonprofit organizations. The depot ships two to three containers of humanitarian relief each month, domestically and internationally. All the items have been purchased for the School Kits, but we still need the following items for the Personal Dignity Kits:

- 20 adult toothbrushes (one per package)
- 20 bars soap (3-4 oz)
- 20 deodorants (2-3 oz. stick, roll on, or pump)

If you plan to purchase any of these items, please check with one of the following individuals to make sure the items are still needed: Barb Crawford (319-826-2468), Chris Gochenouer (319-363-5000), or Judy Hackney (319-393-0188).



## United Women in Faith

Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month. The September meeting will be held in the church meeting room at 9:30 am on September 15. There will be a short business meeting preceding a timely program to be provided by Barb Crawford.

## Neighborhood Potluck

Join us on Thursday, September 8 at 11:30 am for a potluck meal and good conversation. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

## Church Cleaning

Help is needed on Wednesday, September 14, at 9 am to vacuum, clean bathrooms, etc. Thanks for helping to make Buffalo Church shine.

## Food Bank Challenge

Barb Crawford, our liaison with the Linn Community Food Bank, has confirmed that the Food Bank has sent out a special request for canned pumpkin (15 oz), evaporated milk (12 oz), and cans of cranberry sauce. Our goal is to collect these items by October 31 so they can be included in the Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes distributed by the Food Bank. There will be boxes in the back of the sanctuary for your donations. We have donated many canned items over the years including soup, vegetables, fruit, and peanut butter. Since prices will probably increase for these dessert making items, shop early.



## Noodle Making for October Bazaar

We will be making noodles at 8:00 am on:

Monday, September 19

Monday, September 26

Many hands are needed, no special talent required, wear old clothing. Contact Barb Crawford (319-826-2468) if you have questions or can volunteer.

## Bazaar and Soup Luncheon in October

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 22 for 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 merchandise, homemade noodles, and RADA cutlery (paring knives, bagel knives, cheese slicing knives, bread slicers, ham slicers, vegetable peelers). Hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables are available for rent during the Bazaar. The donations of priceless White Elephants are much appreciated.



## Prayer Team

If you are interested in participating in a prayer team that would meet weekly and/or monthly, please contact Pastor Carol (319-366-8748).

# September 2022

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday                                    | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p><i>You have searched me, Lord,<br/>and you know me.<br/>You know when I sit and when I rise;<br/>you perceive my thoughts from afar.<br/>~Psalm 139</i></p> |  |         |   | 1   | 2      | 3        |
| 4<br>9:00 am<br>Worship<br>Service<br><i>Communion<br/>Sunday</i>  | 5<br><b>Labor Day</b>                                | 6       | 7   | 8<br>Neighborhood<br>Potluck<br>(11:30 am)  | 9      | 10       |
| 11<br>9:00 am<br>Worship<br>Service<br><i>Noisy Offering</i>   | 12   | 13      | 14<br>Clean Church<br>(9:00 am)                     | 15<br>United Women<br>in Faith<br>(9:30 am) | 16     | 17       |
| 18<br>9:00 am<br>Worship<br>Service  | 19<br>Noodle Making<br>(8:00 am)                     | 20      | 21<br>Administrative<br>Board Meeting<br>(10:00 am) | 22<br>The first day<br>of Autumn            | 23     | 24       |
| 25<br>9:00 am<br>Worship<br>Service  | 26<br>Noodle Making<br>(8:00 am)<br>Rosh<br>Hashanah | 27      | 28  | 29  | 30     |          |

**September Birthdays:** 3 – Linda Otto  
25 – Rev. Marilyn Buchanan

9 - Sheila Gatewood  
27 – Heather Goldsberry  
9 – Bob & Margie Marrs

**Wedding Anniversaries:** 3 – Ray & Joan Musil

## Ecumenical Center Donations

The Ecumenical Center is in need of donations:

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

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



## September Noisy Offering

We will be collecting donations for Christian Education on Sunday morning, September 11. This collection promotes Christian education and spiritual formation. One hundred percent of the funds collected is retained by the Iowa Annual Conference and used as follows: 33% to support church campers, 33% to support new small groups or classes reaching new people in new places (groups outside the traditional setting), and 34% fund scholarships for Christian educators.

## Hallelujah!

This year we are celebrating ten years attending services at 1000 30th Street NE. We are blessed to have a such a beautiful, functional church home.

## Buffalo Calendar

### Events & Opportunities in September

- 4: Communion at Sunday Morning Worship Service
- 8: Neighborhood Potluck (11:30 a.m.)
- 11: Noisy Offering for Christian Education
- 14: Clean church (9:00 a.m.)
- 15: United Women in Faith (9:30 a.m.)
- 19: Noodle making (8:00 a.m.)
- 21: Administrative Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)
- 26: More Noodle making (8:00 a.m.)

#### Events later in the year

- October 16: Annual Charge Conference (St. Paul's)
- October 22: Buffalo Bazaar with Lunch

### Free Vegetables

If you would like to have a hefty quantity of tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, or beans for canning or freezing juice, relish, pickles, soup, etc., contact Bob Marrs (email: [rmarrs@coe.edu](mailto:rmarrs@coe.edu); home phone: 319-362-9494). Our staff of investigative reporters confirm he has plenty of extras for anyone who wants to preserve some food supplies for the winter.

## Sunday Morning Worship

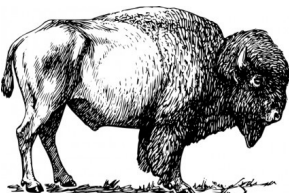
The Administrative Board has unanimously voted to continue with the Sunday Morning Worship Service beginning at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Carol has indicated her intent to have these services ending by 9:45 a.m.; however, if the service runs long, people are certainly free to depart because of other commitments.

At the August Board meeting, members noted there has been a positive response to a re-ordering of the service so the "Passing of the Peace" and the "Joys and Concerns" come before the "Call to Worship." Everyone agreed that Gloria Clinton has been doing a marvelous job with the "Joys and Concerns," adeptly listening and responding to the congregation's contributions and spiritual needs.

### Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Pastor Carol will restart in September. The schedule will be posted on the church website. For more information about this fall's Bible Study, feel free to contact Pastor Carol (phone: 319-366-8748 )

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