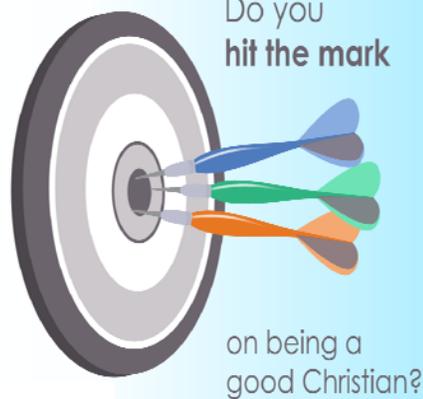
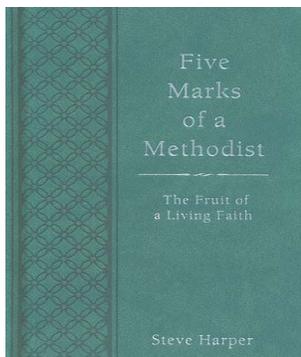


The Character of a Methodist by John Wesley

When was the last time you read something from 1742? John Wesley in 1742 wrote a paper about what the character of a Methodist, what our discipleship, our lives, should look like. In it he felt a Methodist, and all Christians, should live out five marks, five characteristics:

- 1) A Methodist Loves God.
- 2) A Methodist Rejoices in God.
- 3) A Methodist Gives Thanks.
- 4) A Methodist Prays Constantly.
- 5) A Methodist Loves Others.

Simply GOOGLE search "The Character of a Methodist" or pick up a copy at the Welcome Center at church and give the whole thing a read. You can also pick up a copy of the book Five Marks of a Methodist, outside our chapel.



Do you hit the Mark?

How good are you at darts? Lawn Darts? Throughout July Pastor Henry and Pastor Rich will be exploring how we can hit the mark so why not this summer play some darts and while you do think about the 5 Marks that define us as Christians. Through July we will explore Five Steps (Five Darts if you will) for building community, faith and grace in our lives. The messages are built upon *The Character of a Methodist* by John Wesley (see side panel). Join us in July as we attempt to hit the mark.

July 2nd

Love Everything, and the One who made it all.
 (A Methodist Loves God)
 Matthew 22:26-38

July 9th

Enjoy What God Has Given You
 (A Methodist Rejoices in God)
 Nehemiah 8:10

July 16th

Recognize the Good Stuff
 (A Methodist Gives Thanks)
 2 Corinthians 9:15

July 23rd

Ask For Help
 (A Methodist Prays Constantly)
 I Timothy 2:1

July 30th

Love Your Neighbor, No Matter What
 (A Methodist Loves Others)
 I John 4:20

August 6th

Hit The Mark based on Ephesians 4:5-6

Summer Sunday Worship Times:

- 9:00 am Traditional
- 10:30 am encounter
- 11:30 am Contemporary with an African Flair

Education SUMMER Sundays:

- 10:15am Sunday School Pre-5th Gr.
- Noon am Sunday School Pre-5th Gr.
- from May 31 - Sept. 13

WOW!

On Summer Break

What's July Look Like for You?

As I write my article in my office the church is so quiet. The MEGA sale is over, it's a Tuesday so SUNNY is not gathering, Pastor Henry is off at Camp with some of our youth, I'm back from the business of Annual Conference and it is just so quiet at church. I guess that is good but if I'm honest, I kind of like the chaos of life at Brooklyn UMC.

Over the last few weeks we reached out into our community and held a sale! I think I kind of like getting it "over with" this early in the summer. This year it was so much fun working at the sale, the number of volunteers, of all ages, was just fun. I honestly think opening night we had more "workers" than shoppers! For all of you, those who worked for months ahead, weeks ahead or the days of the sale—**THANK YOU**. It was good to be amongst you all. I had one shopper ask me if this was my church and I said yes of course. Then she went on and on about how friendly all the people in the red shirts were! Thanks everybody!

In the midst of all the chaos of the Sale the SUNNY volunteers went to work as well. To all the volunteers that help get SUNNY up and running again for the summer—**THANK YOU!** If you have never volunteered for SUNNY please do. It is one of those experiences that you get more out of than you put in!!!! We serve from 11:30am until 1pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will soon be welcoming 350 to 400 people a time! You get to meet the community as they come and prepare a healthy meal. Ask at your workplace if a team could sign up and come over and help out; if you're going on vacation, take an extra day off before you leave or the day after you get back and come work SUNNY as a family. Ask your youth to get some friends together and volunteer a few times over the summer. Golfing buddies could meet to serve after 9 holes and then go for another 9 after! Get the picture, come join us for SUNNY this summer.

I listen to people talk about how summers are so calm and the pace slows. But that really has not been my experience. I still have work, kids have summer school or activities, and ministry still happens. So how about you this July? How are you planning to serve? How are you planning to worship? How are you planning to pray? How are you planning to take some time and change the pace for life and still include your faith in that change of pace?

For me, I plan to do some reading. I plan to get out of the office more and into the sun! More meetings not in a building is a good plan for me. And for my prayer time, I think prayer walks. And yes I still have to mow, cook and clean up for meals, go to work, run the kids, clean the house, attend a few meetings...but try to change the pace and enjoy July. And come August I'm taking some vacation. I think my youngest son and I are going to ride some trains and get in my truck and go on a trip with no destination in mind, just go. And if you read the front page, I'm going to play some lawn darts as well. Should be a good summer!

Change up the pace this July, enjoy July in Minnesota, but make sure service and worship and prayer are part of your life. Summer or not, we still are called to love God and neighbor, go make disciples for the transformation of the world and heal a broken world. We still are called to be the Heart of the Brooklyns!

I think I'm going to grab a book—a diet coke—ok no diet coke but an ice tea—and go read in the shade of some great tree somewhere. See you in worship on Sunday, or maybe at SUNNY, or at the Farmers Market on Thursdays, or how about at Fare For All at CEAP July 6th, 3-6pm (if you want to come volunteer with me), or at a Loaves and Fishes meal on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays, or out shopping for school kit items, or driving to camp, or does anyone have a great spot I could join them to watch fireworks on the 4th? Let's have a great July of worship, service and prayer walking, of fellowship and discipleship. Let's change the pace up now that the MEGA SALE is over and enjoy the abundant life of God's grace.

Summer Sunday School At New Time! Volunteers Needed!

We will continue Sunday School through the summer but at a NEW time. There will be only 1 Sunday School session at 10:15-11:15 AM. Families are encouraged to worship before or after the children's Sunday School time, or may attend the 10:30 service. At the 9 AM service children stay in worship and there will be a Children's Moment. At 11:30 AM service, children will be in the service until 12:15 and leave for some activities and return at about 12:45 before the end of the service.

To successfully lead Sunday School we need 4 lead teachers each Sunday and adult or senior high youth assistants. Volunteers can work every Sunday or as often as they are able. Orientation is provided as is a weekly lesson plan and materials prepped for you.

We have a new on-line sign up system. Contact Linda by phone at 763-561-1684, text at 763-234-2019 or email at children@bumc.org for the link or to chat about volunteering.

So what do parents and grandparents do while kids are in Sunday School at 10:15?

--Attend a discussion group. Pastor Rich is usually leading one.

--Start a discussion group, pick a book, a Bible book, a current topic, a support group need, and we'll help you find others who share that interest. Grab coffee and a donut and meet while the kids meet.

--Attend 10:30 encounter service. We'll bring your kids to the sanctuary at 11:15 to finish worship with you.

--Volunteer with Sunday School

Fire sale on Hy-Vee Coupon Books! BOGO 2 for \$5!

Coupon books are now a fundraiser for Camp. They are \$5 each and have a coupon to get \$5 off your shopping in the book plus over \$60 in coupon savings. Coupons are for commonly-used items, good at any Hy-Vee and can be used through August 31st. Don't shop at Hy-Vee? Get a book and donate it by leaving it on the free bread racks or give it to SUNNY! See Linda or stop in the office for books.



Campers Off on Adventures!

On Sunday, June 25th, the congregation sent 10 youth to camp at Northern Pines near Park Rapids. L.Y.F.E. Camp (Live Your Faith Everyday), is an in-depth faith

journey in a beautiful setting. In the 6 days they are there, they will forge new and stronger friendships, learn about traditions and create new ones of their own. Northern Pines Director, Nate Melcher, was part of the recent ordination class. BUMC will launch 30 more campers, ages 8-13, to Camp Koronis near Paynesville on July 9th. We have so many campers that we've rented a school bus for the trip! Our kids in the Pathways Camp will learn about things such a woodworking,

outdoor skills, archery, fishing, waterskiing, painting and printing, along with faith-filled fun and fellowship. Our campers can't wait to see their favorite camp director, Papa Dan Ziegler!

Our campers have been doing fundraisers such as bagging groceries at Cub, selling popcorn and Hy-Vee coupon books. There have been generous donations from individuals and groups in the church and we will gratefully accept more!

Cops 'N' Kids Fishing Tournament

One of our BUMC kids, Rowena George, attended this year's tournament on June 21st. She got to learn about fishing, received a rod and reel, took part in a tournament with prizes and got lunch! Next year we hope more of our Brooklyn kids will participate in this free event sponsored by the Brooklyn Park Police Department.



Volunteers & Good Deeds

**ATTENTION: Members of the
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We need you AGAIN!**

You, who comprise the greatest generation, have stories that the rest of us want to and need to hear. Your history is an important part of our country's and Brooklyn's past. I would love to encourage and help you write your stories. I am offering a class on July 2 from 10:30-11:45 am, which is designed to help you generate ideas and find a format for your story or stories. Please consider coming and sharing about your past as you consider what to write about for your great, great, great grandchildren to read. Treats and music true to the 30's and 40's era will be provided. I would like to have an idea of how many people plan to attend, so please call the office to sign-up. (763-561-1684) I am very much looking forward to hearing your stories and working with you.

-Gail Stone

To my Brooklyn family,
We want to express our gratitude to everyone at Brooklyn that helped us get through our loss of Ardis. Your love, cards, hugs and expressions of support were so appreciated. Thank you for being there for us all.
Wendell and family

Our thanks to the June Greeters:

Keith & Bernie Crook, John & Sana Eakins, Ron Kronen, Agnes Lowry, Ken Rossina & Gail Murray, Burl & Linda Shadden

Thank you to our June Liturgists & Communion Stewards:

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RELIEF SUPPLY KIT COLLECTION FOR UMCOR SAGER BROWN

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School Kit

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 wide spaced spiral notebooks or loose-leaf packs of 8 ½ x 11" ruled paper
- 1 30 cm ruler
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (at least 1" long)
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser (at least 2" long)
- 1 box of 24 crayons

If you are assembling a whole kit, please put the items in a 14" x 16" sturdy handled cloth bag with an optional closure. Directions are on the UMCOR website:

www.umcor.org/umcor/relief-supplies

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Evening Concerts

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

JUNE 13 The Dirty Shorts Brass Band

JUNE 20 Wild Honey and the Locusts

JUNE 27 treVeld

JULY 11 Sounds of Hope

JULY 18 **The Castaways**
Midsummer Celebration at 6 p.m.

JULY 25 Brooklyn Big Band

AUGUST 8 The Capri Big Band

AUGUST 15 **Salsa del Soul**
End of Summer Bash at 6 p.m.

Kids Concerts

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

JULY 6 Teddy Bear Band
Bring your favorite teddy bear!

AUGUST 3 Kidpower with Rachael

Movies in the Park

Fridays at dusk

AUGUST 11 *Hotel Transylvania 2*

AUGUST 18 *Sing*

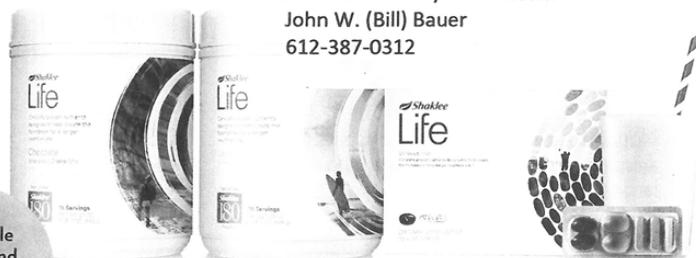
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Happenings in the of the Brooklyns

Join the Summer Reading Program - No Prior Experience Necessary

A park bench, a cold drink, a gentle breeze, a shade tree and a good book to read. Sounds like a great way to spend a lazy summer afternoon. All you need now is a friend to share your thoughts about the book. Here's a deal for you!

We are at the 4th of July which means we are at the midway point of summer. Now is the perfect time to commit to reading just one book from the UMW Reading Program during the remainder of summer and early fall. There is a complete list of books that make up the UMW Reading Program in the Church Library on the UMW bookshelf. Here, too, you will find many of the books from the Reading Program that are available to check out and return when you have finished. There are five different categories of books that make up the Reading Program. The categories are Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Justice, Leadership Development and Spiritual Growth. There are a wide variety of subjects covered in those categories, so take a look and select one that appeals to you.

Then in the fall, all readers are invited to come together for an evening meeting to discuss the books that were read. The discussion is nothing formal, just friends - old or brand new - coming together just to talk about some books and share in fellowship. We invite teens, children (with a parent or grandparent), men and, of course, women, whether you belong to UMW or not. There are no long term commitments and no expense.

This will be our third meeting of the group and there is definitely room for more participants. A date will be found and announced in the Sunday bulletin and future Circuit Riders. For more information or help in selecting a book or any other questions, please contact Carol Foster at 763-537-3678 or grumpytf@aol.com.

INTERESTED IN COSTA RICA...STRONG MISSIONS?

A conference Volunteers in Mission *team* will be returning to Strong Missions in Costa Rica January 31-February 14, 2018. The team will be led by Marilynne and Jim Gryc from the Northfield church who have been Costa Rica team members in the past and led a mission team to Strong Missions in February 2017. The team may be working at Strong Mission's new site doing construction work or at a community project yet to be decided. There may also be opportunities for woodworkers and those who sew. The cost is \$2000 plus free time expenses. \$400 scholarships are available through the conference for first time missionaries. Strong Missions is a very well organized, many faceted mission organization with an emphasis on projects that benefit women and children. This conference mission team has served there 5 previous times and team members are always eager to return. For more information, contact Diane Bushyager.

CAPi USA and Second Harvest Heartland are offering free fresh produce distributions on Thursdays this summer. Open to all!
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Combo Pack - \$20: Save an extra \$1 by combining the Produce & Mini Meat Pack (see above).

Mega Meat Pack - \$25: Typically includes 7-9 frozen meat items.

Hot Buys - In addition to the above packages, we offer one-Meat and one Produce item as special each month.

July's Hot Meat buy is Hormel Spareribs, 5.5 lbs for \$12 each (\$2.18/lb) Limit one per household

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The 2017 season of the Brooklyns Thursday Farmers' Market is in full swing! Visit the market every Thursday from 2 to 7 pm in the East Parking lot through October. The market features many local vendors offering locally grown produce, herbs, and flowers.

ALSO, on July 13, during Market hours, the Shoe Away Hunger Bus will be filled with shoes for sale- Kids \$2/pair, adults \$5/pair



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Friday, July 28, 2017

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www.RelayForLife.org/BrooklynCenterMN

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Prayers of the Church

Healing - Nola Haugberg, Pam Linton,
Jean Mohr, Hazel Tveita

Comfort - To Al & Nancy Julin in the
death of Al's mom; the family of Betty
Pomerleau; the family of Ron Andersen

Joy - Theodore (Teddy) Irving Lee, 8lb.,
4oz., 21" long, born to E.J. & Matthew Lee



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