



#SEE ALL THE PEOPLE

Sunday Worship Times:

9:00 am Traditional

10:30 am **encounter**

11:30 am Contemporary with an African Flair

Education Sundays:

10:15am Sunday School Pre-5th Gr.

11:45am Sunday School Pre-5th Gr.

WOW!

Starts Sept. 13

6:30pm Meal (offering)

7pm-8pm Small groups

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Join us this September as we **SeeAllthePeople!**

The United Methodist Church has called on all local churches to look at Discipleship, building and growing each and every member into a disciple of Jesus Christ by focusing on something we do very well already at BUMC—building relationships. Building relationships with God and with our neighbors.

For decades so many churches have focused themselves around the idea that we have to *fix the church*. So churches dove into program after program, mission statement after mission statement, in the hopes that if we just can fix the church then people will flock to our doors. How about this—we build disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by simply building relationships. We build relationships with God through worship and small group study of life & scripture, we build relationships between our family members by sharing the Faith Five (Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless) every night at home; we reach new people by building relationships with them, one neighbor, one co-worker, one family member, one friend at a time. We need t stop fixing the church and start seeing all the people and just build a relationship with them. That’s how we make disciples! Join us in September as we simply learn together how to build relationships and become the Heart of the Brooklyns!

We are done *fixing the church*, we are just going to be the church!

Join us for worship in September as we explore SeeAllThePeople!

We will explore the 3 Biblical Imperatives found in the Gospels.

Sunday, Sept. 10th

Reach New People The Great Commission Matthew 28:19-20

Sunday, Sept. 17th

Grow in love of God and Neighbor The Great Commandment Matthew 22:37-40

Sunday, Sept. 24th

Heal a Broken World The Great Proclamation Luke 4:16-21

Sunday, September 17th

We will be celebrating **National Back to Church Sunday!** But it can not be a celebration without your help. Invite someone you know to come back to church. Offer to pick them up or meet them at the front door! Ask a former member who has drifted away from church, ask a co-worker or neighbor who has not been to church in years, ask a friend, a fellow student, the college student you met at the coffee shop; the couple across the hall in your senior living unit or a complete stranger...

We would love to have all 3 of our services filled! Do not be afraid to bring someone back to church to a service that best fits their needs. If they would enjoy our 11:30am service with an African beat, bring them there; or maybe encounter at 10:30am would be their style; or maybe you could be “traditional” that Sunday at 9am if that would help someone come back to church!

8&848 Devotional

Every Sunday morning at 8am, every Wednesday evening at 8pm Pastor Rich will be leading a devotional time for 8 minutes based on that Sundays sermon theme and scripture.

Join him! By Facebook live or in person.

We are going to stay outside as long as we can at the Shingle Creek Amphitheatre, just off of Noble Ave. next to Park Center High School just a block away from BUMC on Sunday mornings. Wednesday Evening will move into our Fellowship Hall at church following our Wednesday Evening Events. Make sure if you are Facebook Live person who like the post so we know your part of the group.



Join an encounter group! Wednesday evenings, starting Sept. 13th we will be having a free will offering meal served starting at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall for all. From 7pm-8pm we will be having encounter groups. A small group experience for adults that will help us encounter community, faith and grace. Pastor Rich will be leading our first group and as we grow we will add more groups. We will explore the Scripture and theme of the week in a small group experience. Join us on Wednesday evenings. But if Wednesday evenings do not work for you contact Pastor Rich or Pastor Henry and they will help you start an encounter group at a place and time that fits your life.

Sunday morning encounter groups.

Sundays, 10:10 am in Chapel
Will begin on Sunday Sept. 10th

Our Church Council has set **our goals** for the last quarter of 2017. We are reaching out and reaching deep to help BUMC become the Heart of the Brooklyns by:

Growing in love of God and neighbor

- ◆ Increase average worship attendance to 350
- ◆ Discipleship
- ◆ Create eight "3rd Places"

Healing a broken world

- ◆ Reaching out to North Minneapolis
- ◆ Make hunger projects a focus for missional work

Reaching new people

- ◆ Have 50 new "returning" visitors in worship
- ◆ Increase Professions of Faith by 10

How can you help us reach our goals?



Changing so we can Change the World.

We are changing how we give to missions and service in our community and to the world. In the African American Church tradition, and in many West African Church traditions, one takes TWO offerings every Sunday morning. The first is the regular offering and tithes to support the ministry and mission of the church. But then a 2nd is taken to support a mission or service project of the church. The idea being one gives their change, or a special gift, to support the mission project for that Sunday and we treat it as a celebration of mission work. For Methodists that means we will sing while we give.

Our 11:30 service already practices Change for Change a few Sundays a month. We are now going to bring it to all our services, even our Wednesday night events. In August our 11:30 service took the Change for Change offering weekly to support school backpacks and supplies for our kids. We will be distributing over 50 backpacks on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, at a community barbecue from noon-6pm in the parking lot. Join us!

Sundays, Sept. 10th and 17th, all of our services will take the Change for Change offering to support local schools in stocking up their school supplies. If you would like you can donate school supplies, your change, or a special gift to help us help local teachers get the supplies their students need to learn.

Sept 24th and Oct. 1st we will be taking our Change for Change offering to Support the UMC Special offering for World Communion Sunday with 10% supporting our own communion outreach ministry.

Fall Sunday School

The Fall Sunday School series on kings, prophets and judges begins on September 10th. Sunday School times are at 10:30-11:25 and 11:30-1:00. The first session at 10:30 will meet downstairs in Room 6. Kids for the 11:30 session should come to the sanctuary where we'll be in worship until about 12:10 and then leave for the lesson.

Deep Blue is for kids in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. A new program called *Submerge* will be used for 4th and 5th graders. Sunday School will start in a large group to introduce the topic and the Bible memory verse with signs before the kids break into smaller groups based on grades—K and 1st; 2nd and 3rd; 4th and 5th.

Sunday School registration will be a simple card with important information about your child.

NEW PreK group at all three services

Beginning September 10th, BUMC is offering a new service to parents of 3 year olds out of diapers, 4 year olds, and 5 year olds not yet in Kindergarten. These are kids that are too old for the Nursery and not old enough for most elementary school age Deep Blue activities. Now they will have a fun faith experience of their own! PreK will meet in Room 4 after Children's Moments at 9:00, at the start of 10:30 and when the older kids go to Sunday School from the 11:30 worship. There will be Deep Blue lessons and materials available and other activities and games for this age group.

We are looking for that special person or persons who love leading little ones! This group will meet during each service and needs a leader for each service or someone who can dedicate all Sunday morning, maybe trading off Sunday with a partner.

Nursery Care

Nursery care is available every Sunday morning from 8:45 to 1:15 for babies and toddlers to 2 years. Younger 3 year olds may also be in the Nursery. Nursery Supervisor, Ade Osanyintola is a childcare professional trained in First Aid and CPR. Toys, dolls, books and furnishings are all baby and toddler safe. Parents can be connected while in service through text messages or pagers.

Sunday School/PreK Leaders.

Those interested in leading or assisting with Sunday morning activities for kids, please contact Linda (information below). We'll be organized by teams — PreK, K-1, 2-3 and 4-5. We'll be using the Deep Blue or Submerge curriculum, and leaders will be able to use the materials to pick-and-choose activities for their group. Materials will be available or prepped for leaders. Volunteer every Sunday for a time, 10:30 or 11:30, or every other Sunday with another leader. Only have one Sunday a month? That's OK, too! Volunteer leaders need to be at least 18 years old and will be oriented to Safe Sanctuary, emergency procedures, the curriculum and resources. Not sure if you want to be a lead? Assistants are welcome for all age groups and youth are also welcome as assistants. After orientation, you'll meet your team and signing up for particular Sundays can be on-line or by email.

Call Linda at 763-561-1864, text at 763-234-2019 or email children@bumc.org.



Featured Kid—Abby Pullis

Each month we'll shine a light on one of Brooklyn's kids. This month meet Abby Pullis, Girl Scout. Abby has been a member of Troop 14661 for about 4 years. In August she went through a "bridging" ceremony to become a Junior Scout. Abby says she

enjoys all the different activities and earning patches. You'll see her in March supplying BUMC members with Girl Scout cookies. About to turn 10 years old, Abby attends Monroe Elementary and participates in BUMC activities and church and community service projects with parents, Troy and Bonnie, and older brother, Ben. Something you wouldn't know to look at the gentle Abby is that she is serious about karate and has just earned her brown—yes, brown—belt! Now how many boxes of cookies did you say you wanted?



Happenings in the of the Brooklyns

Sanctuary and Contemporary Choirs Begin Rehearsals
Choir rehearsals will move to Thursday nights beginning September 7th. Call Michael if you have any questions about the change. Sanctuary Choir sings at the 9 AM service for Kick Off Sunday September 10. Sunday, September 17th is "Back to Church Sunday." Sanctuary Choir will sing for the 9 AM service.

Hello music and worship volunteers!

It's hard to believe another school year is upon us and the music and worship groups start up again in a few weeks. Here are the details as best I know them at this time.

Peace and love, Michael

BUMC MUSIC AND WORSHIP MINISTRIES (Contact person listed for more info.)

Sounds of Grace Bell Choir – grades 9 - adult,
Jan Potasnak: Director

ACM Choir – adults, sing at 11:30 service,
Carl Doe: Director

Dance Ministry – all ages -Rachel Woods: Director
Sanctuary Choir – grades 9 - adult, sings at 9am service
3 Sundays/month, Michael Anderson: Director

Contemporary Choir – grades 9 - adult, sings at 9am service
2 Sundays/month, Michael Anderson: Director

Brooklyn Brass – grades 9 - adult, special Sundays,
holidays, Michael Anderson: Director

Brooklyn Big Band – advanced players, grades 9 -
adult, David Mantini: Director

Usher Team – youth - adult, Dick Abel and Edmund
Ocansey: Lead Ushers

Annual Holiday Music Gala Planning Team

BUMC String Band (Gospel, Bluegrass) – Youth and
adult, Michael Anderson, Art Bjorngjeld

Audio/Visual Tech Team – youth and adult, Michael
Anderson, Paul Stone, Art Bjorngjeld

Liturgists and Readers – Sunday mornings, all ages,
Judy Mennenga: Coordinator

Greeters – Sunday mornings, all ages, Bev Lawrence:
Coordinator

Encounter Service Support and Planning Team:

Marissa Tarr, Beth Tarr, Gail Jefferson,
Sue Doll Anderson

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Owen Pazandak
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Caleb Klemm
Mason Klemm
Jack Kleven
Jack Rogers
Colleen Colbert
Jean Blosberg
Stan Leino

And Greeters
Russ & Karen Larsen
Lulu Myers
Paul & Gail Stone
Patricia Butler
Chester & Claire Dryke
Candy Mattson



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

On Thursday, Aug. 31 & Sept. 21, The Shoe Away Hunger Shoe Bus will be at the BUMC Farmers Market from 2-7:00 pm.

The Shoe Bus sells new and slightly worn shoes, Adults \$5 and Kids \$2 a pair. A great time to get Back to School Shoes for kids!



The Shoe Away Hunger program is part of the non-profit Good in the Hood program, based in Brooklyn Park. Profits from the shoe sales help to provide weekend food packs to students in need at local schools-currently servicing Brooklyn Center High School.

If you have good shoes you wish to donate you can also bring them to the bus on Aug. 31 or Sept. 21, leave them in the Collection Box in the narthex, or give Diane Sannes a call at 763 560 8893.

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What's Going On?



UMW Reading Discussion Group Update

The next meeting of the UMW Reading Discussion Group has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 24,

2017 at 7:00 pm in the Church Library. This group is open to anyone who would like to attend. We suggest you read any book from the UMW Reading Program and then come together to discuss with others in the group what you read. The main emphasis of the group is fellowship and of course to highlight the UMW Reading Program and encourage reading the books that are part of the program. You pick your own book, so whatever interests you is what you read. **ALL** are invited to attend!!

One book I recently read from the UMW Reading Program is **Falling into Place, A Memoir of Overcoming**, by Hattie Kauffman, a selection from the 2017 Leadership Development category. Hattie Kauffman is a journalist, who made history as the first Native American journalist to file a report on a national network evening TV news broadcast. At the age of 50, Hattie is blindsided by her husband's request for a divorce. While experiencing feelings of abandonment and self-doubt, she reflects on her life and especially her chaotic childhood when she often was abandoned by her parents - a white father and Nez Perce Native American mother. Many times she and her sisters and brother were left alone and completely in charge of their own care and survival. To help her deal with these feelings, a friend suggested that Hattie read the Bible and in the process, she rediscovers God. Her father's sister, her beloved Aunt Teddy, had introduced Hattie to God as a child. As she looks back over her life she realizes that even though she was not aware of it at the time and did not recognize Him, God had always been with her, leading the way and providing her with the love and care she desperately wanted and needed. This book is a very good read! It is available in our own church library on the UMW shelf, one of many good books you will find there, along with a complete listing of the books in the program.

If anyone is interested in participation in the official UMW Reading Program I am more than happy to give you information about that and answer any questions you may have. There is still time to fulfill the requirements for the 2017 Reading Program. To complete the reading program, you need to read one book in each of the five categories: **Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Leadership Development, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth**, along with monthly reading of **Response Magazine**. We have back issues of **Response** available in the library and you could catch up on the past year by binge reading them as well.

Contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you on October 24 @ 7:00 pm in the Library. Happy Reading!

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God Given Role in the Fight Against Human Trafficking

What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and is the second largest criminal industry in the world. The United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons defines human trafficking as the recruiting, transporting and harboring of persons by use of threat, force or deception for the purpose of exploitation. Traffickers take advantage of vulnerable persons with false promises or physical abduction, forcing them into contract slavery, forced labor and sexual trafficking.

Statistics -

According to the U.S. Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report 2015, the number of adults and children currently in forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution is 20.9 million. Worldwide, 3 per 1,000 people are victims of human trafficking.

Invitation -

Come to an information meeting on Thursday September 28th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall to hear Nancy Edson speak on this important subject. Dessert will be served by the United Methodist Women.

Presenter -

Nancy Edson was first introduced to the reality and horror of human trafficking in 2012 when she saw the film, "Nefarious: Merchant of Souls". Feeling overwhelmed by the enormity of the situation she wondered what she could do being only one person. The Lord soon showed her and her life hasn't been the same since. Come hear her story and see what God revealed to her and wants to reveal to you. Nancy has been married to husband Doug for 28 years. They have 2 daughters, Andreilyn (24) and Kelsie (20) and reside in Anoka, MN. Previously she worked at Brooklyn UMC in the office.

YOUR SOLAR OVEN OFFERING AT WORK

Gordon and Ardell Graner are BUMC prayer partner missionaries in the Dominican Republic. Recently, they, some Dominican church members and a Volunteers in Mission team representing Solar Oven Partners in South Dakota conducted a 2 day workshop to teach villagers how to use solar ovens in all of their cooking. Over 100 people attended the workshop each day and the mission team gave away 70 solar ovens. This village is actually a refugee camp just over the border in Haiti made up of Dominicans of Haitian descent who have been cast out of the Dominican Republic but have no place to live in Haiti. These refugees, living in extreme poverty, have been cutting down trees to make charcoal for firewood. Now with the solar ovens, they will have an inexpensive, safe, and eco-friendly way to cook. BUMC sent over \$3000 from the Easter special offering to Solar Oven Partners to help fund projects like this one. Many thanks, BUMC!



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November 2, November 30

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Mini Meat Pack - \$11: Typically includes 3-5 assorted meat items. This package is usually Pork-Free.

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.

Why Shop At Fare For All?

Fare For All is OPEN TO EVERYONE and is a non-profit, community-supported program. The more people who participate, the more savings are passed on to customers.

There is **no need to register** in advance.

Fare For All accepts **cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards.**

Camp MSP

For 3 days I joined Camp MSP with 4 great youth who are going into 5th, 6th or 7th grade. Camp MSP is a United Methodist Day Camp with the focus on Mission, Service & Purpose (MSP). We worshiped, served people and played games. Laurine, Nolan, Olivia, SJ and I packed food at Feed My Starving Children, sorted food and school supplies at the Anoka food shelf (ACBC), and played hand bells for seniors. We learned about youth homelessness and created paper bag luminaries to light the way through the Hope 4 Youth Darkest Night of Your Life 4K run/walk fundraiser. Our youth truly do light the way of our future. These youth were willing and able to help others and were proud of their accomplishments. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to spend an inspiring 3 days with these great youth. Thank you to Oralyn Weah who came as an adult camper as well.

~Gracia Kitelinger

This is a great opportunity for "kids rising into 5th-7th grade" who are too young for a mission trip. We will be looking to organize multiple teams next year during our Spring camp recruiting.

Hungry for a contest?

1 in 10 families in Minnesota is not "food secure", a trendy term meaning they don't know where their next meal is coming from, afraid that the food will run out before the money comes in, can't afford to serve healthy balanced meals, or skips a meal. Summers without the free and reduced lunch program and free breakfast programs makes feeding kids more difficult.

A recent quote from the Star Trib says, "We have a half-million kids in our state at risk for hunger"! And although there are 700 sites across Minnesota offering free lunch programs for those under 18, we leave more than \$100 million in federal funds for food programs unclaimed each year.

One of BUMC's 3 goals is to heal a broken world. Our #1 strategy is to focus on fighting hunger in our neighborhood, our community, and around the world. BUMC already leads, participates or supports a number of hunger programs and projects. If you can name at least 3, you can be entered to win a \$25 grocery card! There will be a second drawing of those who volunteer or support one of our hunger programs/projects in the month of September!

Find the entry forms at the welcome desk starting September 3rd and going until September 27th. One entry per person for each drawing. (Hint: to find some of the many possible answers, read the September Circuit Rider, the weekly announcements, or look at church bulletin boards.)

There will be room on your entry form for ideas about how BUMC could create or participate on projects that could tap some of that unused money to feed the hungry!

Wednesday Night Kick-Off

Wednesday nights are back beginning Sept. 6th with a pizza party and penny bingo starting at 6:30 followed by an hour of old-fashioned games! All are welcome—singles, couples, families, and friends! Volunteers to serve pizza and lead games are needed! Start saving your pennies now to use as bingo markers — losers will donate their pennies as a free will offering!

We'll start our regular Wednesday nights on Sept. 13th. A meal will be served at 6:30 followed by faith activities from 7-8 pm. Kids will have Wednesday School with the Deep Blue lessons, service projects, and fun & fellowship. Middle-school youth will meet for confirmation studies and adults will have an hour-long study group followed by 8&848.



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Contact me for more information.

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Healing - Elaine Bellew, Chris Bocklund,
Vera Roberts

Comfort - The family of Ruth Mara; to
Phil & Jo Tichenor in the death of their
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