

# News from the



July 2019  
Circuit Rider

## 30 years of Mega Sale has come to an end!



**Thank you to everyone who has been  
a part of it for any of those years!!**

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9:00AM, 10:45AM, 11:30AM



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*Videos of Sunday's sermons can be found on our website under Worship/Past Sermons*

## BECOMING THE HEART OF THE BROOKLYNS BY ...

### REACH NEW PEOPLE

Through service, worship, discipleship, reaching new people with the grace of God

### LOVE GOD & LOVE NEIGHBOR

Living out the 2 great commandments of Jesus Christ in everything we do as a community of faith.

### HEAL A BROKEN WORLD

Serving alongside our neighbors to become the heart of the Brooklins, the north side and beyond.

July is a tough month for worship attendance. We all get so busy with summer activities, vacations, family gatherings, and the day to day activities like work that do not slow down any more during the summer months. But Sunday still comes, the Sabbath is still relevant to our lives.

A challenge for us all this July: Worship! Take time to worship. Join us at BUMC every Sunday morning you can! Don't sleep in or take a worship vacation! And when you have to be gone, join us on Facebook! And if that is not possible, join a worship service where you are. Did you know there are more United Methodist Churches than there are US Post Offices? Chances are, wherever your summer travels take you, there is a United Methodist Church to attend. And do me a favor, I love to read bulletins from other churches!

And here is one more idea—this summer attend a different service at Brooklyn at least one time. encounter service (10:45am) is outside when not raining, 9 and 11:30 are in the air conditioned sanctuary! Torre Fuerte, our Spanish language service, gets started at 3pm. At least once, come and experience a different service this summer.

Last thing, add to your routine Take5! For five minutes gather whoever you can, and follow these five steps: Share, Read, Talk, Pray and Bless. Share the day's high and low; read a piece of scripture; talk about how that scripture impacts your life; pray together; and at the end of the night say a blessing over each person! It will change your life and the life of those you Take5 with!

In July I will be in the pulpit at all three services each Sunday, giving Pastor Henry a break because he will be leading worship the month of August while I am on vacation (actually I'm putting a new roof on my house so I do not know how much vacation I will get!)

See you in worship.



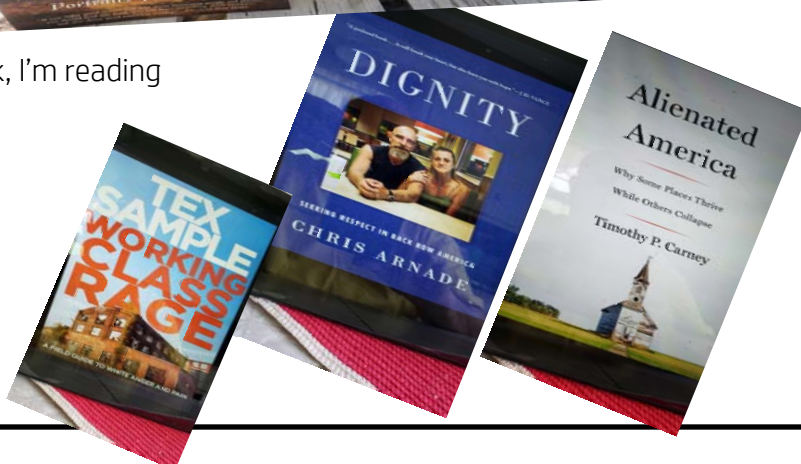
Pastor Rich

### Pastor Rich's Summer Reading List

July and August I am giving up screens?!?!?! I know, I might be crazy but I'm going to shut off all my screens and use that time reading (ok, I already lied, some of my books are on my Kindle so I will have to use its screen). Here is what I will be reading, for fun ...



For work, I'm reading these three...







**Town Hall Meeting  
July 17th 6:30pm  
Fellowship Hall, Brooklyn UMC**

We are hosting a town hall meeting at Brooklyn UMC, hosting the organization, Minnesota Methodists, to talk about the future of the United Methodist Church and the future of Brooklyn UMC.

Since General Conference of 2019 and the passage of what has been called the Traditional Plan, a lot has been happening. The Minnesota Annual Conference just met and affirmed the UMC becoming an inclusive church and standing in opposition to the Traditional Plan of the General Conference. We shall have copies of the resolutions passed at annual conference available at the Town Hall Meeting.

The Reverend Judy Zabel, of Hennepin Ave. UMC and a leader of Minnesota Methodists will be leading the town hall. Join us on the 17th at 6:30pm.



Saving our change, making special gifts,  
to heal a broken world.

**Change for Change Offerings**

Using our change and special gifts, God calls us to give to change the world. Each Sunday we ask all of BUMC to save their change, bring it to worship along with any special gift you feel God is calling you to give, and place it in our Change for Change Offering. Together we shall change the world.

This month we are dedicated to youth!

**YOUTH MISSIONS - 7/7**

Our Youth are planning a mission trip for the summer of 2020. Change collected will provide scholarships to those who can't pay the full amount of the trip in addition to expenses incurred/supplies for the trip.

**AVENUES FOR HOMELESS YOUTH - 7/14-7/28**

For 25 years, Avenues has supported youth ages 16-24 in Hennepin County. Whether a young person needs someplace to stay for just one night, or a year and a half, Avenues empowers youth to find their path out of homelessness. We do that by providing a stable home, building trusting relationships, and navigating the youth's education, career, health and wellness and housing goals.

Avenues work is guided by the 9 Evidence-based, Guiding Principles to Help Youth Overcome Homeless and our core values: equity, community, respect and dignity, trust, liberation and anti-oppression.



Starting soon Brooklyn UMC is starting the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI). This is a church revitalization process through the Minnesota Annual Conference. It is senior pastor intensive, with Pastor Rich reading and attending monthly cohort meetings, and bringing back assignments to BUMC leadership. At the end of this process we will hold an all church meeting to adopt our revitalization strategy. We will also be using this process to explore with North United Methodist some partnership arrangements with them and BUMC to help them revitalize their ministry as well. The first thing you will be hearing will be around prayer, with what MCCI calls a breakthrough prayer. We will be announcing some prayer walks soon and other settings in which we will pray and develop our breakthrough prayer. Please keep the MCCI process, and Pastor Rich in your daily prayers as we venture through this process.

# Stephen Berg

*Concert for SUNNY / CD Release Event*

*With Special Guest*

*Erin Berg*

*Sunday, July 21 at 3:00 PM*

*Brooklyn United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall*

*7200 Brooklyn Blvd. Brooklyn Center, MN 55429*

*Free Will Offering*

*50% of all CD sales go to SUNNY*



**Free Summer Lunch**

**SUNNY**

**SERVING UP  
NUTRITION NOW FOR  
YOUTH**

**Program for Kids**

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**7200 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, MN 55429**

**(Corner of Brooklyn Blvd. and Noble Ave.)**

**763-561-1684**

**WWW.BUMC.ORG**

If you would like to be a volunteer please call 763-561-1684 or check web page for more information







# BROOKLYN'S KIDS

## BUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Linda Browning, Director of Children & Family Ministry



July for Kids—And Parents!

Disney Princesses ...



... Meet Women of the Bible

Lessons in  
Life and Faith



Camp season has started and continues! What a year of firsts—largest number of campers ever sent by BUMC, most first time campers, most Teddy Bear campers, first camper from North UMC, first camp staff from BUMC and another youth is an LIT!!!

Dan Ziegler, Director of Camp Koronis, was given the Denman Evangelism Award at Annual Conference. This man lives his faith and leads his staff & our children faithfully.

Thank you BUMC & Camp Minnesota for camperships. Continued donations welcome!

**ACTION  
ALERT!**

Sunday School volunteers are needed.

There may be some Sundays we do not have classes for certain ages because of not enough leaders for 40 kids at a time. Overcrowded classes are no fun!

Parents, grandparents, and those with a heart for our children, are all encouraged to contact me.

Volunteering just one service a month would give us much needed help as our numbers keep on growing!

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU!**

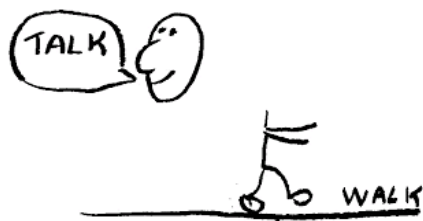


## A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL NEW 6th GRADERS

As you move into your Middle School years, BUMC is excited to provide "strength for your journey!"

BUMC has a variety of fun and meaningful ways for you to join other 6th - 12th graders as you're assured that God runs with you all the way!

Contact Mim to "sign-on" to Faith Trek and enjoy this summer's awesome activities!



Grades 6-12 (Fall 2019) are invited to "walk" their talk about God's love and care for the world - by putting it into action!

**Thursday, July 11**  
**Morning: Changing Gaits Riding Stables**  
**Fee: \$15.00**

**Afternoon: Volunteering at Family Pathways**

Youth will enjoy a fun outing at a therapy and recovery ranch in the morning and complete a service project at Faith Pathways in the afternoon.

NOTE: If you need service hours for a school organization or athletic group, this is legit!

Text Mim to reserve your place by Monday, July 8th, to "walk your talk" in this way.

Please contact Mim to register for a youth event or address any questions. You may call/text Mim @ (612) 791-3969 or email her at [mim@bumc.org](mailto:mim@bumc.org)

# Youth Ministry

By Mim Campbell, Director



Amidst the many children and youth who are going to Bible Camp this summer, we have a youth & young adult who has grown into leadership roles in Camping Ministry!

Victoria Osanyintola has just completed her first year at Hamline in St. Paul. She was asked to be a girl's counselor at Camp Koronis just outside of Paynesville for the summer! She will share one of her weeks with many BUMC youth who are going to Teddy Bear and Pathway camps.

Joylus (JB) Harris will be a senior at Park Center this fall. He was asked to be an LIT (Leader in Training) at LYFE camp at Northern Pines near the same week several of our Middle School & High School youth will be attending and he was also asked to be a summer counselor for early elementary children at Camp Wapogasset in Amery, Wisconsin.

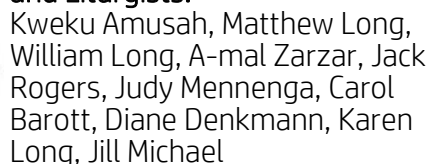
Please include both Victoria & JB in your prayers as they share their time & faith in this way.



**PRAYERS  
& CHEERS  
FOR ALL  
OUR  
YOUTH ...**

... Especially those who are moving beyond high school and stepping up their plans and dreams to make the most of the gifts God has given them, including Matthew and William Long who are currently training for specific roles within the Army Reserves.

God's best to all our children and youth as you strive to be all God has created them to be!



**And our Greeters:** Pat Funk, George & Judy Bonnell, Craig & Yvette Hewitt, Carol Foster, Bev Lawrence, Mona Geeting, Venus Jones, Peggy Strickland, Larry & Patricia Mortenson

## A SPECIAL THANKS

If anyone had said, “We have been invited to participate with ND, SD, and MN United Methodist Churches to provide 10,000 purple scarves for our guests at General Conference 2020, which will meet at the Convention Center here in Mpls.” I might have said, “What? 10,000? Really? 10,000!”

Guess what!? Over 20 BUMC'ers and friends stepped up and said, "Yes, we will do our share." And we did.

Thank you to all who knitted, crocheted, washed, sized, packaged, sealed and delivered almost 400 purple scarves to Annual Conference in St. Cloud in June. It was reported that almost 13,000 purple scarves were given. Good job everyone - well done.



GREAT MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY  
March 1-7, 2020

Is a Mission Trip on your bucket list???? This could be THE ONE!!!!

If you have ever wished to go on a mission trip where you could serve those in need, this is the trip for you! The Mission Committee is planning a trip to the Midwest Mission depot near Springfield, IL, March 1-7, 2020. Though MM is much like Sager Brown in Louisiana, it has an amazing scope and range of services to disadvantaged, hungry, ailing, and disaster ravaged people of the middle U.S. and several areas abroad. Our team of 16 people will be staying on site working with local community members and others who will come in for the day. You will be comfortably housed and well fed, have choices of work opportunities to meet your abilities and interests and enjoy the fun and comradery of serving as Volunteers in Mission.

For more info. or to join the team, contact Diane Bushyager.



To make a difference in  
someone's life you don't  
have to be brilliant, rich,  
beautiful, or perfect.  
You just have to care.

- Mandy Hale



“Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other, just as God forgives you.”  
Ephesians 4:32



Take a moment to share expressions of care and prayer for the following people:

Jim Hoffner, Angie Christianson, Flora Okwor,  
Jerome (Jerry) Schoeppler, Lewis Logan, Arlene  
Lein, Sherry Lindner, Marjory Johnson, Marion  
Williams

*Please help us stay in touch with members of our church and community who are in need of support and prayer. Please contact Mim (612) 791-3969 or the Church Office. "Prayer & Requests for Care" cards are available in the pew racks.*



Mark your calendar for Fare for All  
Thursday, July 11 at 4 pm

Items may be purchased at CEAP across from the church. Aug. 8 & Sept. 12 are upcoming dates.



# Hot Buy

JULY



**Smithfield Pork Tenderloin**  
(1.15 lbs)  
**\$4.00**

**Limit 2 per household**

Fare for All – Phone: 763-450-3880 – Website: fareforall.org – Facebook: @fareforall

# FARM FRESH FEST



Farm Fresh Fest is a celebration of our community and an opportunity for our neighbors to receive fresh, in-season produce in a warm, inviting festival atmosphere.

The event will include produce stands, food samples, health and wellness education, games, and connections to community resources and businesses. We're looking for volunteers and sponsors that bring the 'Fest' to our wonderful community celebration!

To volunteer or sponsor this event call 763-450-3679 or visit [CEAP.org/volunteer](http://CEAP.org/volunteer) to sign up!

Join us on Farm Fresh Fest Fridays from 4-6pm at 7051 Brooklyn Blvd.

July 12th

July 26th

August 9th

August 23rd

September 6th

September 20th

October 4th

October 18th

November 1st



Loaves & Fishes serves meals every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from noon-1pm. All are invited to join lunch and volunteers are always needed. Please call 612-377-9810.

## GUEST STORY

### Healthy Meals Make a Difference

Mike is a regular guest at Brooklyn United Methodist Church dining site. He's currently unable to afford a home for himself, so he's living out of his car. Mike is grateful for the healthy meals we serve to our guests.

He said, "I get meals that I don't often get otherwise, at least once a day." Mike also expressed his gratitude to our donors. He told us, "Thank you very much. (The meals) make a difference between eating or not eating sometimes."



Join us for CAPI's  
[ FREE ]  
Fresh Food Fridays!

July 12th & 26th  
August 9th & 23rd  
September 13th & 27th  
October 11th  
1:00 - 3:00pm



LOCATION:

5930 BROOKLYN BLVD  
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN  
55429

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT KATIE ZENDER  
612-767-3678



## MISSION U 2019

What is MISSION U?

Mission U is a 3 day conference held in St Cloud. It offers an opportunity to study current issues impacting society where participants grow in understanding the mission of the church and the responsibilities of women in fulfilling the mission work of the church. Mission U is open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women.

Topics are:

The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship by Janet Wolf.  
Explore timeless issues of poverty, gender and equality using the Gospel of Mark.

United For Change by Ellen Blue.  
Study of the history of the UMW and its predecessor organizations, and how women changed the face of mission.

Kelly Inn and Conference Center  
St Cloud, MN  
July 12 – 14, 2019

Or join us at:  
Mission U Too!

This is a one day conference based on the book United For Change.  
August 3, 2019 – Normandale Hylands UMC

Contact Carol Foster for more information @ 763-234-7543

If you have a need for a service (lawn mowing, repairs, etc.), let us know!!  
We'll send it out via our mass email to try & help out.

Did you know Brooklyn UMC is 165 years old this year? BUMC has been in ministry at the corner of Brooklyn Blvd. and Noble Ave. before there was even a Brooklyn Center. In October we would like to celebrate our 165 years of ministry as being the Heart of the Brooklyns.

Would you be willing to be part of a team that would help us organize our celebration of our past and inspire our future? We are going to set up a few worship celebrations, a chicken dinner, and some fellowship events that highlight this. All we need is you! Contact the church office if you would like to be part of the team. We will meet a few times in June and July to organize and set up our October celebrations.



The Brooklyn United Methodist Dance Ministry took part in the United Methodist Women's Day, held on June 9, 2019. That was also Pentecost Sunday. The dancers presented a choreographed dance to "Ghost" by MercyMe. The dance was co-choreographed by Rosemary Ball and Rachel Woods. Pictured clockwise from bottom: Nehplainseh Pay-Bayee, Nathania Amenuvor, Nehwoen Luogon-Bojkov, Abby Anderson, Rosemary Ball, Jennifer Anderson.

The Dance Ministry will begin rehearsing again in late September. If you are interested in finding out more about this, please contact the church office at 763-234-9798 or [admin@bumc.org](mailto:admin@bumc.org).





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11:30 am Contemporary with an African Flair