

# News from the



September 2019  
Circuit Rider



## Worship with us September and October

Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love our Neighbor

Cindy Gregorson, Director of Connectional Ministries for the Annual Conference will guest preach on Sept. 29th and Bishop Bruce Ough will guest preach on Oct. 13th about our 2019 Minnesota Annual Conference theme - Dare to Reach: Love Boldly.

Our themes for Reckless Love

Begin with Love

Expand the Circle

Lavish Love

Openhearted Love

Value the Vulnerable

Emulate Christ

Lets Get Reckless with our Love! Let's Be Love!

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## 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 Brooklyns, the north side and beyond.

*We are pumping in and pumping out the love of God to the community around us.*



Pastor Rich will be leading a Book Study using the book *Reckless Love* by Tom Berlin on Wednesdays at noon and 6:30pm (starting Sept. 4th) as well as Sundays at 10am (starting Sunday, Sept. 1st) and Facebook live postings about our themes at 6:30pm every Sunday. Download the book with your e-reader, order one from your favorite book seller or pick one up from the church office (\$13) if you would like to be part of the Book Study.



Brooklyn United Methodist Church has entered into a Minnesota Annual Conference Program called MCCI (Missional Church Consultation Initiative.) Our Annual Conference Leadership and Bishop Ough invited us to become part of this initiative to help BUMC into a new lifecycle of fruitfulness. The MCCI brochures can be found at the Welcome Desk.

About once a month Pastor Rich will be attending an all day Pastor Cohort and learn some new skills to help us grow to be more fruitful as a church (he will receive over 80 hours of training over the year.) At the end of the process the entire church will vote on some unique prescriptions for BUMC and be assigned a coach for each prescription we decide to put into action. Look at this spot in our newsletter each month for updates on the process.

MCCI processes will all start this month with the introduction of what we call the Breakthrough Prayer Initiative. A copy of the Breakthrough Prayer is included in this newsletter and we are asking all to pray this prayer at 7:20am and 7:20pm everyday. The MCCI process all starts in prayer, teaching us as a church to not snack on prayer but feast on it.



## Join us as we take our prayers on a walk

(Every 3rd Sunday of the Month following each worship service)  
10am or 11:30am or 1pm  
(And at North UMC at 11:30am)

## SPECIAL PRAYER WALK SESSIONS

September 1st **5pm**  
(meet at Brooklyn Center City Hall parking lot)

September 8th **5pm**  
(meet at North UMC Parking lot)

September 15th **9pm**  
(meet at North UMC Parking lot)

September 22nd **9pm**  
(meet at Walmart Parking Lot, Brooklyn Center)

Flu shots will be available here on Sunday, Sept. 29th, from 8:30am-10:30 in the library. You can either pay with insurance or out-of-pocket. Shots are first come, first serve but please sign up at the Welcome Desk so the nurses know how many shots to bring.



# FILL THEM WITH



## Help us bring hope this Christmas

This September we are asking all members, regular attenders, and guests to assemble a Shoe Box for Christmas at Spirit Lake Nation in North Dakota and Red Lake Reservation here in Minnesota.

### What is in a Shoebox?

Love Shoebox Christmas gifts are built from love for children that might not otherwise get a Christmas gift. On the reservation, up to 70 percent of the children would not get a Christmas gift if not for the Shoebox Christmas Gift program and the generosity of the people that donate to this wonderful program. To start, wrap the bottom and top of the box separately (this will allow us to insert the story of the birth of Jesus. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, ask them what they would like for Christmas. Add that, a few more small gifts, some candy, a winter hat, mittens or gloves, place a rubber band around the box and the top, then put the age group and gender of the child on top of the box. You have just built a box of love. We are looking for the following age groups. Infant, Toddler, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, 13 and up. Please only add new toys and please don't put any clothing except the hats/gloves or mittens in the boxes. Then bring them to BUMC by Sunday Sept. 29th. After worship on the 29th as one of our service projects that day, we are going to add the Christmas Story to them and get them ready for delivery as one of our projects that day.

What would happen if every household of BUMC was able to put at least one shoe box together? We would call that a miracle! It's possible, as all things are possible with God!

# 7200 IS COMING

# CHANGE FOR CHANGE

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 supporting Dignity Center, Kidpack/Shoe Boxes and GIPO.

### DIGNITY CENTER SANDWICHES - 9/1

Every 2nd Sunday after the 10:45 service we assemble sandwiches and deliver to Dignity Center. This week's C4C will help buy the supplies.

### KIDPACK & SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS - 9/8

Every month during the school year our youth pack a meal for students at schools next door. They're distributed by the staff of those schools to kids in need. C4C helps pay for the food.

See left panel for Shoebox information.

### GIPO - 9/15 & 9/22

Our GIPO mission team is planning their next trip to Liberia in the next few years. Change collected will continue to help fund the schools and buildings they are currently working on.

### FIFTH SUNDAY - 9/29

Service to the community



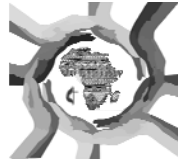
## October is our 165th Anniversary Celebration Month

During the month of October we will be celebrating our 165th Anniversary of Brooklyn UMC being the Heart of the Brooklyns. Each Wednesday in October, we will be hosting a fellowship celebration about a different aspect of our past. Food, fellowship and some great history. Mark your calendars now to attend.

In October we will also be producing a special newsletter of remembrances of BUMC by our members and friends. If you have a favorite memory or story of our past, please submit a short article as soon as you can to be included in that newsletter. Email them to [admin@bumc.org](mailto:admin@bumc.org).

And on another anniversary note...

It's been 12 years since AUMC (African United Methodist Church) merged with BUMC...and we're throwing a party!!



### Anniversary program details:

**Friday, September 6, 2019 6:00pm - 10pm**  
Family night (Fun and Movies) to be held in the fellowship hall.

**Saturday, September 7, 2019 9:30am - 4:00pm**  
Outdoor Program (Sports and recreational activities)

**Sunday, September 8, 2019 11:30am**  
Thanksgiving Service, followed by refreshments.



### Sunday, September 29th

10-11:30am Worship (one service only)

11:30am Potluck & Fellowship Noon—service events

Mark your calendars today! Plan on attending worship and invite someone to worship with you (someone new). Plan a dish to share, something you really enjoy. And plan on spending an hour or two after the meal to serve our community and help us be the Heart of the Brooklyns.

We will have 4 or 5 different service events to choose from.

**See you on the 29th!**



The Dignity Center is a ministry of Hennepin Avenue UMC.  
Brooklyn UMC is a supporter of this important ministry.

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SUPPORTING  
PEOPLE  
living in POVERTY  
on their PATH  
to STABILITY**

The Dignity Center is located at  
425 Groveland Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
612-435-1315

Join us for these events in September:

Monday, Sept. 9th, 7:30am-12:30pm

Our Dignity Men serving a light breakfast and lunch. We could use 2 or 3 more men to join us. We are cooking our meal Saturday, Sept. 7th at 1pm.

Sunday, Sept. 8th 11:30am (after encounter worship) we will make about 200 sandwiches for the Dignity Center.

The Dignity Center needs volunteers: Advocates (work directly with a client), Welcoming, Receptionist, Kitchen. They even have some work that can be done from your home. Contact the church office if you have some volunteer time.



### It is Time to Breakout Prayer at BUMC

This September we will be asking every single member, friend, guest, regular and not so regular attenders to pray with us what we are calling our Breakthrough Prayer. We, all of us, each of us, will be asked to pray for God's Spirit to breakthrough Brooklyn United Methodist Church and show us what we are called to be and do as a church, as the heart of the Brooklyns. We will start every meeting, every gathering, every study, every worship event, every service event, everything with our breakthrough prayer. Every morning at 7:20 am we are asking all to pray a version of our breakthrough prayer for our personal life.

*Breakthrough my life with your Spirit this day.  
Show me how to be the Heart of the Brooklyns.  
Show me ways to love You and my Neighbor.  
Show me ways to heal a broken world.  
Show me ways to reach new people.  
Show me ways to share Your Love and  
Grace with everyone. Amen.*

Every evening at 7:20pm we are asking all to pray our breakthrough prayer for our church asking God to breakthrough and guide us as a church to be the heart of the Brooklyns.

*God of grace, breakthrough Brooklyn UMC  
with your Spirit this day.  
Show us how to be the Heart of the Brooklyns.  
Show us ways to love You and our Neighbor.  
Show us ways to heal a broken world.  
Show us ways to reach new people.  
Show us ways to share Your Love and  
Grace with everyone. Amen.*

Starting Sunday, Sept. 1st we will hand out, post and pray our Breakthrough Prayer. We ask all to pray with us.

Our Recovery Ministry has had its test runs and we are ready for you and the community to join us every Sunday evening in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. Recovery meetings will start after the service.



As you might remember from last month's article, recovery is so much more than just not using. I always say anyone can stop using, but recovery is harder. Recovery means learning to live a self-directed life where one's health and wellness is greatly improved all while striving to reach one's full potential in life. In other words, recovery is not just quitting something, it's starting something new.

The first step in almost any program of recovery is admitting that we have a problem and that we need help. In Alcoholics Anonymous step one states, "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable." I believe that if when you wake up in the morning and you aren't excited about what's ahead, or you lay your head down at night and you can't think of anything you are grateful for that day, then your life is unmanageable. After all, whether we believe it comes through work, or family, or church, or finances, what we are all trying to manage in our lives is joy.

My hope and prayer for the Brooklyn Recovery Ministry is that many in our community who are struggling with addiction would come and see that recovery is possible in their lives, that God loves them deeply and desires to set them free from their addictions. And that by letting go and letting God, they can find the joy they have been yearning for in their lives. That being said, this ministry is not just about those in recovery, it is about all of us. When we allow God to be in charge of our every day, God can do incredible things in and through us. I pray that each one of us this coming month would spend time daily connecting deeper to our amazing God. I also ask that we would all pray for the Brooklyn Recovery Ministry. God is going to use this ministry not only to make a new thing happen in the lives of those who come into our community, but in our lives as well. This is what I believe it means to be the heart of the Brooklyns; that we are pumping in and pumping out the love of God to the community around us.

Peace,  
Pastor Howie Baird



**TWIN CITIES UMW**  
**FALL GATHERING AND ANNUAL MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019**

**Minnetonka UMC**  
**17611 Lake Street Extension • Minnetonka, 55345**

**GUEST SPEAKER: DEACONESS KIM HARRIS**  
**Minnesota Conference UMW Communications Coordinator**

**TOPIC: MATERNAL HEALTH**

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Emma Norton Tea</b>
<b>9:20 am</b>	<b>Worship, Welcome/Greetings</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
<b>1:45 pm</b>	<b>Closing</b>



**Cost: \$12 including lunch**  
**\$5 for speaker only**  
**Child Care Available**

**Contact Karen by September 18 • 952-470-4172**

**Coffee and Conversation**  
**Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**9:30am – 11:30**

All are invited to attend a video presentation and discussion of:  
**"Healing Justice,"**  
**a film by the World Trust Films**

There has been a 500% increase in incarceration in the United States over the last 40 years! 31% of children and youth experiencing school-based arrests and law enforcement referrals are African American, though they make up only 15% of total school enrollment.

This film walks back through the history of violence that has led to our current system, bringing into focus the histories of trauma - on a personal, interpersonal, community and generational level.

This film addresses the school-to-prison pipeline, the need for comprehensive criminal justice reform, and the importance of healing and restorative practices.

Come and be educated!  
 Coffee and Pastries will be served  
**ALL are welcome!**

**September UMW Circle News**

Brooklyn United Methodist Women welcomes visitors and new members to all of our meetings! For more information contact Kathy or Sheila or speak to any UMW member!

**Martha Circle** will meet on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at Dorothy Martinson's home. For more information call Dorothy @ 763-951-3396

**Lydia Circle** will meet on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church library. They will be planning meetings for the upcoming year. For more information call Sheila @ 763-221-4578

**Mary of Bethany Circle** will meet on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. For more information and location call Kathy @ 763-639-2632.





# BROOKLYN'S KIDS

September 2019

## BUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

### September for Kids



#### Fall Sunday School All Services

**Learning to grow in  
and show God's love  
to all people!**

We'll be following the  
sermon series each week in  
Sunday School.

#### Sunday School Switch Ups!

Sunday School has changed  
some things this Summer and  
we like how they're working!

Parents must **sign in** kids at the  
beginning of the service and  
kids go right downstairs.

**Children's Moments**  
are at the end of the  
service. Children will  
be brought to the  
Sanctuary and will  
share something they  
have learned with worshippers.



#### Children and Family Ministry Help Wanted

Volunteer assistance is  
needed to keep our  
Children's Ministry growing!

There are many ways to be  
involved:

- ✓ Sunday School leaders
- ✓ Extra leaders for events
- ✓ Music or drama support
- ✓ Help decorate rooms

Please contact Linda at  
[children@bumc.org](mailto:children@bumc.org),  
763-561-1684 or catch her on  
Sunday!

### Get Your Bible



Were you a 3rd or 4th grader this past year and didn't  
get your Bible? We have one waiting for you! See  
Linda to get your personal Bible and self-study  
booklet. Finish the self-study and turn it in for a Bible  
cover!



#### Important Dates

Sunday, September 1st

NEW unit begins  
Reckless Love  
9 am, 10:45 am, 11:30 am  
Sunday School, PreK &  
Nursery

Wednesday, September 25th

Church Picnic @ 6pm  
Celebrate the 165th  
Anniversary of  
Brooklyn UMC  
Wednesdays thru October

#### Special points of interest:

- Sunday School volunteers ALWAYS needed
- Please register children for Sunday School because we  
want to celebrate birthdays, place kids in the  
appropriate small group by age and grade, have  
email and mailing addresses to send out Sunday  
School or event information, and avoid health risks  
like food or other allergies.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda at  
[children@bumc.org](mailto:children@bumc.org), 763--561-1684 or 763-234-2019



# Youth Ministry

By Mim Campbell, Director

**We're going to jump-start a new program this year! It's called Peer Ministry!**

Face-to-face, heart-to-heart, person-to-person, practicing real life people skills ... it's the most effective way to move a living, caring faith from theory to reality.

Come and learn awesome skills for relating effectively to your peers and caring them through tough times!

**SAT. OCT 12th  
9 AM - 4:30 PM  
First Lutheran,  
Columbia Heights, MN**

**\$45.00/person BUT participation in a September candy bar fundraiser will provide a \$25.00 credit. Reserve your place now for a day that could change the way you see the rest of your life! Check-in with Mim now to reserve your place.**



**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 in learning, service and fun! Contact Mim to "sign-on" to FaithTrek. A FaithTrek t-shirt and water bottle is included.



Weekly Classes

**All 6th-9th graders are invited to set aside time to think about their faith in daily life. Two options are available.**

**Sundays @ 10:00 AM** Jack Rogers will be leading a class beginning Sept. 8

**Wednesday @ 6:30 PM** Mim Campbell will be leading a class beginning Sept. 15.

**Contact Mim to register for the hour that works best for your family.**



*Walkin' the Talk*



In August, 17 youth and chaperones showed their love in action at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan as they joined youth and organizations in making over 35,000 meals for children in Haiti! They also went to Cascade Bay Aquatic Center to enjoy water slides and lazy rivers!

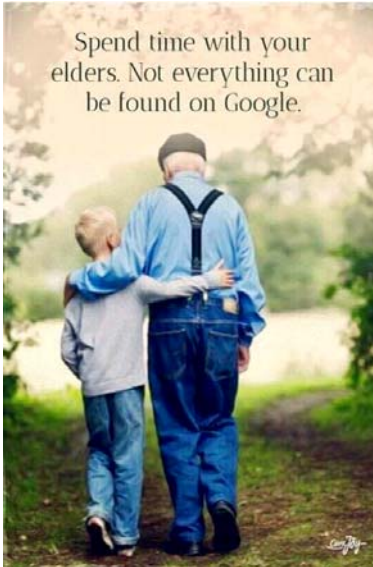




## CARE MINISTRIES

Mim Campbell,  
Pastoral Care

### ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT



We have many dear members of BUMC who are no longer able to join us for worship, fellowship and support.

Some are living independently in their own homes or in senior residential communities.

Others are in assisted living, memory care or full care centers. They still yearn to feel connected with our faith community.

Please contact Mim to express your interest in befriending one or more of them with special notes and visits.

### Join Our Care Team

God has given us each a measure of gifts and care to share with others.

Every month, BUMC provides opportunities for you to uphold and support others.

- ...Sending birthday cards to all BUMC members
- ...Sending Get Well cards or notes of encouragement.
- ...Visiting members who are unable to come to church.
- ...Share communion with those who are unable to come to worship.

The Care Team meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month @ 9:00 AM. Questions? Contact Mim

*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.*



## Prayers of the People

Please take a moment to share expressions of care and prayer for the following people....

For the families of Vida Dorn and Chuck Gustafson as their presence is now known to us in spirit and memory.

For healing, health and strength for the following members of our faith community:  
Wally Hartmann, Doris Kephart, Jim Hoffner, Sherry Lindner, Marion Williams, Lloyd Linden, Joe Hill, Marjory Johnson and Bernice Nelson.

Please pick up a weekly "Outline for Prayer" in the church office and join others in praying for BUMC members, its ministries and wider concerns via individual and small group prayer - beginning at 8:00 AM Sunday mornings and continuing on throughout the week.



**Monday Nights  
6:30 - 8:00 PM  
September 16- December 9**

GriefShare is a 13-week seminar for adults at any stage of grief. It's an opportunity to come as you are and find comfort in knowing you are not alone as you strive to find new perspectives on life and living it.

The 90-minute GriefShare sessions consist of video presentations that feature interviews with grief recovery experts and real-life stories of people who have experienced the death of a loved one. After viewing the video, a brief discussion of the content will follow, along with time to share your own challenges and experiences. A workbook will also be used for further personal study and reflection at home. Cost: \$15.00

Please contact Mim at (612) 791-3969 or [mim@bumc.org](mailto:mim@bumc.org). (Scholarships are available)





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.

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Sunday Worship Times:  
9:00 am Traditional  
10:45 am encounter  
11:30 am Contemporary with an African Flair