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October 2019
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found on our website under
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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.*

In September we began a worship and sermon series we are calling Reckless Love. It is based on a book by author and United Methodist pastor Tom Berlin called *Reckless Love: Jesus' call to love our neighbor*. In the last few weeks we have listened to the call of Christ to BE LOVE, we have asked all of us to start every day and every encounter we have with a neighbor by saying the words, to ourselves "Begin with Love." Thinking that if we can begin with love, every encounter we have will help us to love our neighbor. Then we asked if we could each expand our circle. Every person can know about 160 people. Sure some of our circles are pretty tight and have our "inner circle" of family and friends, then maybe a little less tight circle of family, friends, co-workers and the circles expand. But all together about 160 in our circles. The question from Christ, can we expand who we include? Can we ask some neighbors in who are different from ourselves? Then we asked if we could start to lavish love, share God's constant love, by first observing our own soul, then giving some thanks, then reaching out with lavish love to our neighbors in very practical ways. We have gotten a pretty good start on BE LOVE. So now in October we are going to finish it out by talking about the O-V-E of BE LOVE.



Our themes for October - Openhearted Love, Value the Vulnerable, and Emulate Christ. Bishop Ough, the Bishop of the Minnesota-Dakotas Annual Conferences will come and share on the 13th of October (all 3 services) his dream for the Annual Conference on how we can all love boldly. Join us every Sunday in worship this October as we Reckless Love our neighbors.

It is not too late to join pastor Rich and small groups studying Reckless Love. We have study group meetings Sunday mornings at 10am, Wednesdays at Noon and 6:30pm. And if you can't make a study, pick up in your inbox or on paper at church a copy of what I call Grab Gather Grow. It is a weekly study based on our Scripture and theme each Sunday. Grab it, Go gather a small group of any kind and use it to Grow your faith.

Join the Heart of the Brooklyns in some Reckless Love this October.

Pastor Rich



Brooklyn United Methodist Church, at the invitation of the Bishop and his cabinet, and the approval of our Church Council, have entered into the **MCCI Process: Missional Church Consultation Initiative**. It is a process for developing a

plan and implementing that plan for church renewal, with the guidance of the director of the program, Sue Nilson Kibbey. She also leads a pastoral cohort, which I am a part of, and once our plan is in place we will learn from nationwide coaches to help our implementation. Our cohort of Minnesota and Dakota Clergy meets once a month to learn and grow in leadership and then each month I will bring back, to both Brooklyn UMC and North UMC, my monthly assignments which always include teaching our Church Council and Staff what I have learned so they can help implement the MCCI process.

I have had two cohort meetings to date. And I have been teaching our council and staff what I have learned as well as getting them involved in the implementation of the MCCI process. I have given them an assessment of our leadership style, which by the way I will be taking it to many leadership teams but if you would like to take it, stop by the office during the week or on Sunday at our Welcome Center for a copy.

I have some teaching around what type of church mindset we have at BUMC, are we a fixed mindset or a growth mindset? What do you think? Our Council thinks maybe we are leaning toward a fixed mindset in our current place. Agree? My major learning from this is that a Church will follow its pastor's mindset. So I am learning how sometimes I may have a fixed mindset and how I can break out of that thinking. The word we are learning about is how "coachable" am I as a pastor, and how coachable our leadership can be to help lead our church into a growth mindset. For me I need to remind myself of the five practices of a Coachable Leader:

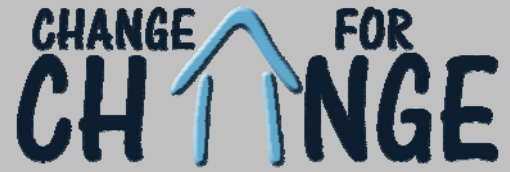
- 1) Keep yourself hungry in order to exceed beyond your wildest imagination
- 2) Be willing and open to be taught from whomever God sends
- 3) Assimilate feedback, not discount, defend or make feedback into criticism
- 4) Embrace who you are, and your calling
- 5) Courage to go out of your comfort zone and do things differently

But the biggest and frankly the most important thing we have done since starting the MCCI process is begin our Breakthrough Prayer. I hope you have joined us at 7:20am and 7:20 pm in praying our Breakthrough prayer. We are asking God to breakthrough into our lives, into the life of BUMC. We are going to not snack on prayer as part of the MCCI process but feast on it. We do want every person praying it twice a day every day. We ask every team, committee, circle, group, gathering, practice, service team, every single group to open up every single gathering with the Breakthrough Prayer. So as you read this update let's pray it...

God of grace, breakthrough Brooklyn UMC with your Spirit.
Show us how to be the Heart of the Brooklyns.
Show us how to love You and Neighbor.
Show us how to heal a broken world.
Show us how to reach new people.
Show us how to be a church for everyone.
And give us the grace and courage to act on your will. Amen.

Each month I will have a little update for you on the MCCI process so watch this space. We have just begun!

Pastor Rich



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 the Dignity Center and our Good Samaritan Fund.

DIGNITY CENTER - 10/6 & 10/13

Our Change4Change offering will support the Dignity Center and our ministries with them on Oct. 6th and 13th. Learn about opportunities with Dignity on page 9.

GOOD SAMARITAN - 10/20 & 10/27

The Good Samaritan Fund seeks to provide funding to individuals and families with verifiable emergency needs when other services or funds are unavailable. Funds may be approved by a pastor for rent, damage deposit, utilities, medical expenses, transportation, and other critical needs.



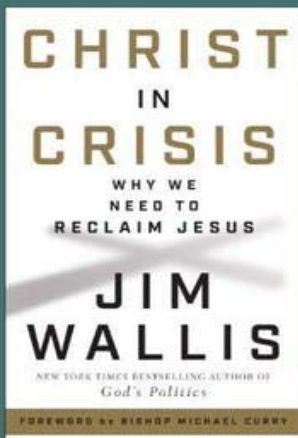


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SOJOURNERS
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Jim Wallis and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan In Conversation

moderated by **Tom Weber**

**Wednesday 10/9
6:30pm**

**Hennepin Avenue
United Methodist Church**

Join Magers & Quinn Booksellers and Sojourners at Hennepin Avenue UMC on Wednesday, October 9th for a conversation between author Jim Wallis and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, moderated by Tom Weber. Jim's new book, *Christ in Crisis*, examines the state of our nation and the ways in which the solution to our current political and spiritual crisis is rooted in a return to Jesus' foundational teachings.

Our United Methodist Brothers and Sisters downtown, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, are hosting the Rev. Jim Wallis of Sojourners, and the honorable Peggy Flanagan, our Lieutenant Governor in a very important conversation for our time. We seem to be in a political and spiritual crisis and how do we as followers of Jesus Christ respond to the national crisis? Return to Jesus' foundational teachings. I will be attending our 165th celebration at BUMC that night, but I plan to slip out a little early to attend this event on the 9th of October. If you would like to join me go online, either at Hennepin Ave.'s web page or Google search it and register for the event.

After the event I would love to see if anyone from BUMC would like to read Jim Wallis' new book, *Christ in Crisis*, and meet some evening for a discussion on how Christians respond to our current political and spiritual crisis. Let me know. I have registered for the event and ordered the book at the same time. Hope to see some of you there.

Pastor Rich

Brooklyn United Methodist Church

165th Church Anniversary

"Celebrating Our History"
Wednesdays at 6pm

September 25

Celebration Kickoff

To kick off the October events, we'll first start with an all church picnic & photo. Join us for brats & hot dogs prepared by our Men's group and then you can bring the side dishes as part of the potluck. Meet someone from BUMC that you've never met before!

October 2

Celebration of Immigrants Past
Guest Speaker Rev. Mark Nordell

October 9

Celebrating Riverview UMC
Join us for pie, ice cream, music by the Ericksons & Bjorngjelds and a photo history of Riverview before merging with BUMC

October 16

Starting New Churches

Presentation from Crosswinds UMC on how they started with a little help from BUMC

October 23

Our Founders

Watch a historical progression of BUMC over the years while enjoying a baked potato with several toppings to choose from

October 30

Home Harvest Festival

Enjoy a catered chicken dinner for only **35¢!** Tickets on sale soon.
Fellowship with your BUMC family and enjoy being a part of our next 165 years.



**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 2nd
Brooklyn United Methodist Women's
46th Annual Fall Bazaar and Craft Show**
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
**Crafters can reserve a table now by contacting
Nancy Kipp at 612-817-5456.**

**There will be a big variety of vendors with an
assortment of things you can pick up for
holiday giving, or something special for that
someone
special (and you are someone special, too).
Plan to spend the morning enjoying unique
crafts, cards, knits, kitchen linens, home and
holiday decorations, and more.**

**While you are there, look for the "featured vendor" site,
where extra fun or information will be shown.**

**Clothing & jewelry donations can be dropped off
downstairs beginning October 27.**

BROOKLYN'S KIDS

October 2019

BUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

October



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 Sign In

Parents must **sign in**
kids at the beginning of
the service and the kids
go right downstairs to Room 2.

Children's Moments

are at the end of the Service.
Children will be brought into the
service and will share something
they have learned with
worshippers.

There is a sign up card to be
filled out if your child is not in
the Sunday School system.

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,
763-561-1684 or catch her on
Sunday!

Is Your Child a Rock Star? Of course!

We would like to celebrate your
child's special achievements and
important milestones. If they
have accomplished something
like earning a belt in karate, a first
place in the school spelling bee,

volunteering in the community,
receiving an honor in their school
or starring in a play, let Linda
know and we'll feature them in
an upcoming Circuit Rider!



Important Dates

Sunday, Sept. 29th, 12-2 PM	Families invited to serve others by bagging groceries at W. Broadway CUB
Every Sunday	9 am, 10:45 am, 11:30 am Sunday School, Pre-K class & Nursery care.
Wednesdays in Oct., 6 PM	Celebrate the 165th Anniversary of Brooklyn UMC with food, fellowship and history!

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, 763-561-1684 or 763-234-2019

FAITH TREK

strength for the journey



Walkin' the Talk



Grades 6-12 are discovering ways to "walk" their talk about love and care for the world and others!

Thursday, October 17
9:00 AM - 4 PM
\$12.00

Morning Activity: Twin Cities Harvest Festival & Corn Maze

Afternoon Service Project: Halloween Costume Bingo at Maranatha Nursing Home

Please wear your FaithTrek t-shirt and bring along \$12.00, a bag lunch, a water bottle, a Halloween costume to wear in the afternoon and ... a friend.

Make a reservation with Mim by Tuesday, October 15.

Parents are urged to help cover transportation.

Help Fill Our Youth Room with Fun Things to Do!

Games & recreation always enrich our time together! Please let Mim know if you have any one of the following items to share ...

- Full-size Ping Pong Table
- Full-size Air Hockey Table
- Full-size Foosball Table
- Indoor Basketball Arcade Game
- Video Game Systems & DVD's
- Special gifts to help purchase any one of the above items.

We'd be happy to arrange for pick-up!

Youth Ministry

By Mim Campbell, Director

TREK TRAINING

(Confirmation)

Weekly Classes

Sundays @ 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Wednesday @ 7:15 - 8:15 PM

6th - 9th grade youth are welcome to set aside this time to discern their own faith in daily life. Please contact Mim if you'd still like to register for the hour that works best for your family.



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27
11:30 AM

A cake reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall

This event is not the culmination of much study and preparation, but a mile marker as youth profess their faith and desire to devote their lives to a lifelong growing the faith, by confirming their faith, and becoming members of the United Methodist Church. Please plan to join in this special worship celebration as we welcome these awesome youth as official members of our faith community.

Quick Treats



Special thanks to all who supported our candy sales to support our special events this fall.



Recovery Ministry at BUMC

Whether you are in active addiction or have been in recovery for years, I pray that you can join us as we share our messages of hope and freedom together.

Sunday evening schedule:

5:30 – 6:30pm • Worship (in Fellowship Hall)

6:30 – 6:45pm • Fellowship

6:45 – 7:45pm • Alcoholics Anonymous

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.

Pastor Howie



CARE MINISTRIES

Mim Campbell

Join Our BUMC 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 (612) 791-3969



Prayers of the People

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

- ... For the families who have lost loved ones as they embrace the special relationships & rich memories they shared....

Lloyd “Jack” Linden and Jim Long

- ... For healing, health and strength of members & friends of our faith community...

Linda Shadden, Doris Kephart, Jim Hoffner, Sherry Lindner, Joe Hill, Marjory Johnson and Bernice Nelson.

Please help us stay in touch with members of our church and community who are in need of support and prayer. Contact Mim (612) 791-3969 or the Church Office.

“Prayer & Requests for Care” cards are available in the pew racks.

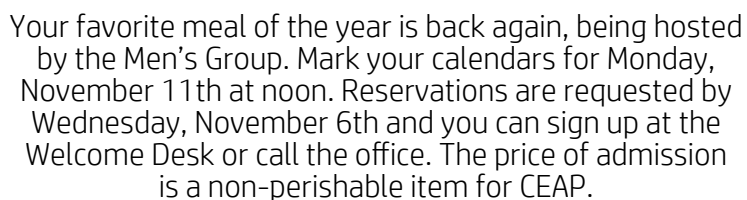


And our Greeters: Joan Campe, Kathy Carter, Miriam Chiza, John & Sana Eakins, Mona Geeting, Dick & Bev Lawrence, Agnes Lowry, Craig Sprowls, Barb Strahan, Rich & Sharon VanDenbos



Seeds

The Mission Committee was given \$50 from the Conference to “seed” a project. The Committee decided to help with the garden in our backyard and to literally, use the money to buy seeds. We enlisted the help of Marion Williams who knows soils to lend her expertise. What a success! Tomatoes and squash started to grow. They are currently being added to the shelves outside of the Sunny room. Please help yourself, or if your garden is overproducing, donations are welcomed. If you need help growing a great tomato, please talk with Marion.

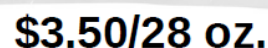


Mark your calendar for Fare for All
Thursday, Oct. 10 at 4 pm

Items may be purchased at CEAP across from the church. Nov. 7 & Dec. 12 are upcoming dates.

OCTOBER HOT BUY:

HILLSHIRE FARM
KEILBASA



The Dignity Center is a homeless ministry of Hennepin Ave. UMC, of which we are a partner. In October we will be involved in the following ministries...

Monday, October 7th, 7:30am-12:30pm
Our *Dignity Men* serving a lite breakfast and lunch.
We could use 2 or 3 more men to join us. Prep is
done the Saturday before at 1pm if that works
better for you.

Sunday, October 13th, 11:30am (after encounter) We will make about 200 sandwiches for the Dignity Center.

Our Change4Change offering will support the Dignity Center and our ministries with them on Oct. 6th and 13th.

The Dignity Center needs volunteers. Email them at dignity@haumc.org for more information.



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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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.



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