

News from the



January 2020
Circuit Rider

HOPE FOR A BROKEN WORLD



BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.*

*2019 Average Worship
Attendance = 283*

*"Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it.
Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay
anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with
me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."*

Matthew 11:28-30, The Message



I have read this text over at least 100 times as I prepared for January and February worship. I have been reading it every morning as I make plans to lead our church through a Soul Reset as we start a new year.

Reset is a word floating around in our culture today. We can reset our computers. We can reset our attitudes. We can reset our relationships, our clocks, and our jewelry. But in recent years, a reset has taken on deeper meaning. Making a reset can mean a rearranging of priorities, reshaping our purpose and pursuit. Calling a reset means we're taking a time out, surveying the situation, and charting a new way forward. In a *factory reset*, the most impactful reset of all, you restore something all the way back to its beginning, clearing away clutter, old files and data, and starting fresh with a world of possibilities before you. A factory reset is getting all the way back to the beginning and creating a new way forward.

Is it time to reset our soul? Is it time to breakdown, breakthrough, and journey to wholeness?

The ultimate goal of a **soul reset** is to live our best lives now. To experience the abundant life that Jesus promised us. In order to experience a **soul reset**, part of our journey must include spiritual practices that help us stay close to God and order our lives in such a way that we avoid over-commitment, over-scheduling, and under-praying. Each week we will introduce one such practice to help us soul reset. Add that to worship and joining a small group for study and soul accountability and even an eCourse for those that cannot meet in small group, we shall reset our souls as we begin 2020.

My prayer is that your soul reset will set a new course for your life—maybe even lead you to breakthrough. I believe a soul reset will change the way you live, the way you lead yourself, and the way you lead others. As a result, your daily life, your family, your workplace, your communities, and our church will never be the same again. Read over this newsletter for opportunities you can join me in a Soul Reset, from renewing our worship commitment to joining a small group, to taking an e-course. Join us for a soul reset.

I will be using *The Message*, a modern language translation of the Bible in my preaching and teaching of our Soul Reset. If you would, pick up a copy of *The Message* and read along with me.



MCCI, Missional Church Consultation Initiative, is a multi-year process, sponsored by the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist church and Brooklyn UMC is part of this Initiative in 2019-2020.

Each month since August, Pastor Rich attends a Pastor Cohort, an all day training session on becoming a missional/vital church and then brings back what he has learned to our Executive Council and Church Council to implement the MCCI initiatives. Currently our Council Exec. Team is working on a Congregational Self Study while Pastor Rich takes a look at the demographics of 5 mile radius around our church. At the same time North UMC has partnered with us to use the MCCI process to explore possible ministry partnerships. Pastor Rich is leading their Church Council, as well as preaching at their service (10:30am) on the 4th Sundays of the month. Our Breakthrough Prayer is an initiative of MCCI. On January 21st Pastor Rich will be attending his Cohort meeting all about Stewardship Leadership of our church. In the Spring we will be hosting a retreat on the entire MCCI process.

Night of Worship

Wednesday, January 8th
7-8:30pm,
Fellowship Hall

Join us beginning January 8th, and every 2nd Wednesday of the month, for worship & song, hosted by worship leaders, Lexi Bergevin & Carl Doe.



As we begin a new year, we hope our Breakthrough Prayer will continue to be or added to your daily prayer life. Join us at 7:20am and 7:20pm (or any times that work for you) in praying our Breakthrough Prayer.

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.

Sunday, January 5th

(9am, 10:45am and 11:30am)

Join us in worship as we start out 2020 with John Wesley's **Covenant Renewal Service** and renew our faith for the coming year.

Communion & Pastor Henry at all three services.



You donated jewelry and clothing to the UMW Bazaar. We sold a lot, gave away for free on Sunday morning and we still had more to GIVE! The following organizations benefited from your generosity: Kids For A Better World, Sojourners Women's Shelter in Hopkins, Garden City Elementary, West African Services at BUMC, Walker Auxiliary, Gipo, Liberia, Hunger for Shoes and Hope Presbyterian Church Vine & Branches Community Resource Center, Richfield. Thanks for supporting United Methodist Women's Missions!



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 Solar Ovens and Human Relations.

Solar Ovens

Since January 2000, Solar Oven Partners has equipped over 10 thousand families with practical training in solar cooking, and provided them with the appropriate technology to realize the amazing health, economic, and environmental benefits of harnessing the free energy of the sun! Below are the costs of providing a solar oven to a family. Keep in mind that few could afford the real cost of an oven, so an investment opportunity of 10% of the full cost is offered to each student, thereby creating ownership for those who choose (100%) to take a solar oven.

Good Samaritan

Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called "the least of these." Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- An immigrant teenager in Texas' poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas
- An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that's what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. To continue the ministry of Jesus we established Human Relations Day as a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to participate in helping all God's children to realize their potential.

SOUL RESET

As we begin a new year it is a perfect time for us as a church and as individuals to reset our souls. Throughout January and February Pastor Rich and Pastor Henry will be leading us in a soul reset. They will be preaching about how we can use our spiritual disciplines to reset our soul and focus our lives back on Christ. Below are a few ways, outside of worship, you can go a little deeper in resetting your soul.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

Pastor Rich is willing to lead a few small group sessions about how we can practice our spiritual disciplines during the week and hold each other accountable on following through. His hope is that each group will have at least 12 participants. If you have never taken part in a small group experience this would be a great first step.

Sunday Mornings, Chapel, 10:10-10:45am

Sunday Evenings, Chapel, 6:30pm

Offsite group possible, a weekday evening at a local establishment

eCourse

The General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church offers a **Soul Reset eCourse**. You can sign up for this online course at urelearning.upperroom.org/p/soul-reset. Cost of the course for an individual is \$19. This is a great way to Reset your Soul if time does not allow you to join one of the small group times above.

Book Study

The worship and study series is based on the book *Soul Reset: breakdown, breakthrough, and the journey to wholeness* by Dr. Junius B. Dotson. If you would like to read the book we have copies available at the church office for \$12 or you can download one on your favorite e-reader.

GRAB GATHER GROW

Each week Pastor Rich produces a study outline for any kind of gathering: a small group of work friends, a family, neighbors, after a workout group, students, even a team or committee meeting... any kind of group you can gather together. All one has to do is grab a copy out of your inbox or at our brochure centers each Sunday, gather a group together and grow your faith. During **Soul Reset** Pastor Rich will give us scripture, discussion questions, prayers, service opportunities, all related to our Soul Reset Spiritual Disciplines. Grab Gather Grow is also a great resource for individual devotions or a family Home Huddle.

So how will you be resetting your soul as we start a new year?
See you in worship but pick at least one of the above options and go a little deeper.



Reconciling Committee "Do No Harm"

The United Methodist Church has been debating issues regarding the exclusion of the LGBTQIA+ community for about 50 years. In February 2019 the General Conference of the United Methodist Church passed rules that will bring clergy of our church to trial with punishments for being LGBTQIA+ or for agreeing to marry LGBTQIA+ persons in the past or present day. As of January 1, 2020, the United Methodist Church rules took effect. It has become apparent that persons of the LGBTQIA+ community are not accepted within the United Methodist Church.

In May 2019 the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church passed a "Moving Forward Vision" of the Methodist Church by an 85% majority vote. The Minnesota Conference also passed by an 80% majority vote, a statement stating that we do not support the plan that was passed at the February General Conference regarding punishment and continued harm.

A committee at Brooklyn has been formed to engage our local congregation in conversations and follow a process to open our church to the LGBTQIA+ persons. Quoting John Wesley, "Do No Harm." Our first meeting was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. We all have copies of the Tool Kit called "Building an Inclusive Church – A Welcoming Toolkit." The "Core Committee" is discussing and learning the process to educate our congregation on the steps toward "Doing No Harm," making our church a safe place for those of multiple gender identities, and creating a Welcoming congregation.

If you have any questions or would like to join us in this process, please feel free to contact me, Diane Denkmann, at denkmannd@hotmail.com.

I am so looking forward to gracious conversations as we move forward with accepting the LGBTQIA+ community and acknowledge God's love for ALL!

Around our Connection

Please save the date for "Holy Diversity: Celebrating Cultural Difference".

Minnesota has seen a 29% growth in its population of people of color since 2010, ranking us 9th highest in the country for increasing diversity. Yet achievement gaps and racial tension in Minnesota show how far we have to go to celebrate cultural difference as an expression of God in the world. Join us **Saturday, January 25** as Dr. Grace Pak, pastor, teacher, and professional certified coach specializing in religion and race relations, facilitates a conversation to bring people together across cultural differences in order to live fully into God's Kingdom.

On **Sunday, February 23** from 3 to 5 pm Minnesota Methodists invites you to save the afternoon for a conversation with **Bishop Karen Oliveto** at United Methodist Church of Anoka. Bishop Oliveto is in town for the Mahle Lecture at Hamline University, and will also be at the Twin Cities District Ash Wednesday service at Hamline Church on February 26.



Garden City Elementary 2nd graders say a big **Thank You** to Martha Circle for their support of their annual gingerbread house making activity. Without the help of BUMC this holiday event would not have happened this year for these students.



From the MN Annual Conference

Lyndy's Mission Minute

As 2019 comes to a close, it's time to pause and thank all of you for the ministry being done at your local churches, in the community, and beyond. John Wesley asked us to "do all the good we can," and you embody that phrase. As I travel and learn of your ministries, I encounter tremendous compassion, commitment, big hearts, and willing and committed individuals and churches doing what they can to reach out to their neighbor in love. This is what we do well. Together we are making a difference.

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS for being partners together in healing a too-often broken world.

We have partnered together in many ways this year as a conference, including local church and school alignment, Volunteer in Mission (VIM) trips, Investing in Congregation grants, disaster relief, missionary support, and expansion of our efforts in Jamaica, Laos, Sierra Leone, and Vietnam. Here are some highlights:

Several thousand books have been provided to first and second graders; mental health initiatives have begun with school psychologists; a new playground has been built; tutoring programs have expanded; teacher appreciation banquets have been held; preschool student scholarships have been awarded; and meals and school supplies have been distributed.

Dozens of VIM teams, with hundreds of participants, have worked in partnerships with persons in the U.S. and fourteen other countries. Many of them were first-timers, who received a scholarship to do so.

27 churches reached out to their community by starting bilingual services, starting food shelves, hosting family events, hosting community Bible studies and confirmation programs, serving community dinners, and more.

Thousands of hygiene kits, cleaning buckets and relief kits were made and distributed by the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) and the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in the Upper Midwest and beyond.

Gordon and Ardell Graner, Paul Webster, and Daniel Yang were able to speak at dozens of MN UM congregations about bringing clean water and solar ovens to persons in the Dominican Republic, agriculture in Zambia, and church planting in Laos.

7 new churches were planted in the southern provinces of Laos. Summer English Programs were taught in Luang Prabang province and the capital city of Vientiane.

5000 pairs of glasses were distributed, and two school classrooms were constructed in Jamaica. In addition, 20 acres of avocados were planted in an effort to help the Jamaica Methodist Church become self-supporting.

A new maternal clinic and new Secondary School were built and developed in Sierra Leone.

450 Vietnamese children were able to attend Vacation Bible School this summer. Daily devotionals, written in the local language, were distributed to members of 32 churches in five districts of the country.

The Giving Rack in St. Paul, the Clothing Closet in north Minneapolis, Emma Norton Services, Numas Haus in New Ulm, Mobile Ministry, S.T.O.R.M. Camp, Urban C.R.O.S.S., the Dignity Center in Minneapolis, Holy Grounds in Mankato, Matthew 25 Food Distribution in Isanti, Simpson Shelter, the Center for Victims of Torture, and the Volunteer Lawyers Network all thrived.

This all happened because of **you**. Thanks for **being there!**

**Twin Cities United Methodist Women
Winter Gathering/Leadership Training
Saturday, February 1, 2020**



**Good Samaritan United Methodist Church
5730 Grove St. Edina, MN**



Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Curtiss DeYoung
CEO of the Minneapolis Council of Churches
“Racism and Spirituality”

How do we sustain ourselves spiritually during difficult times of social injustice?

8:30 Emma Norton Tea/Coffee

9:30 Worship

10:30 Speaker

12:00 Lunch

**Cost \$12.00 includes lunch
\$5.00 Worship and speaker**

1:00 Leadership Training Sessions

- President/Program Coordinator
- Secretaries
- Treasurers
- Membership/Nurture/Outreach
- Spiritual Growth
- Social Action – Climate Change

1:45 Closing



Questions?

Contact
denkmannd@hotmail.com

THOUGHTS ON OUR KIDS' CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE NEW YEAR

First, big thank yous to those who have worked with our kids in Sunday School, PreK and Nursery this past year. Ade Osanyintola is our trained and caring Nursery Supervisor. Nathania Amenuvor and Faith Sherman have been leading our PreK with volunteer help from Matthew. Volunteer Sunday School leaders are Jill Michael, Cynthia Haugberg, and Macucu Grimes. I want to thank Geneva Shedrick who helps out wherever needed whenever she can. We couldn't do any of it without the tireless work of Nancy Julin who keeps us organized, resourced and with bulletin boards (and her side-kick Al).



WHY WE WON'T GROW SUNDAY SCHOOL

Now the sad news. With Sunday attendance of 30-45+ kids, we will never grow any larger. We don't have enough leaders at 11:30 to serve 30 or more kids. The activity room is over-crowded and loud, and kids can't get personal attention to help them with activities and crafts. We have rooms ready to use for smaller groups but no leaders. Our kids definitely are not getting what they could from the session and quieter kids and first time visitors can get lost in the crowd.

Some solutions might be to use leaders that worship at 10:45, a team of leaders that trade off from 11:30, or having 5th and 6th graders stay in worship. If you have ideas or can help, please let Linda know.

now» WHAT'S next

2020
HS GRADUATES & COLLEGE STUDENTS
UMC STUDENT LOANS & SCHOLARSHIPS



BUMC SCHOLARSHIP

BUMC Foundation is delighted to provide scholarships for 2020 High School Graduates who are college-bound! Applications are available in the Church Office.

Criteria for consideration will include: Church membership, scholastic achievement, school and church involvement and service to others.

Application Deadline: Sunday, March 1, 2020



UMC SCHOLARSHIPS

Beginning and current college or university students may apply for loans and scholarships via the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education at gbhem.org.

Potential applicants must be:

- ... at least 18 years old
- ... active members of a United Methodist Church for at least one year.
- ... enrolled - at least half-time - in an accredited school in the United States.

Application Process: Open online from January 3 to March 5, 2020.

SUPER BOWL PIZZAS - TO - GO



Back by
popular
demand!

FRESH HOMEMADE PIZZAS!

Orders will be taken Sunday, January 12-26 for pick-up on Sunday, February 2. Monies raised will go toward youth mission trip in July 2020

Youth Ministry

By Mim Campbell, Director



The best part of winter is making plans for summer! Then we'll be ready for it whenever it finally comes!!



ALAMOSA, COLORADO MISSION TRIP July 18 - 26, 2020

7th grade - Graduate HS
(Fall 20-21)

Info & Sign-up Meeting
Sunday, January 5 @ 10:30 AM

Receive info packet, fees & fund-raiser schedule. Friends are welcome, but must be in attendance @ Info Meeting.

Applications are open for Bible Camp Counselor Positions - Week-end (16-18 yrs.) & Full-week (College) at WAPO & Northern Pines. See Mim for more info.



CARE MINISTRIES

Mim Campbell,
Pastoral Care

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 Sanctuary pew racks.



Become a HEART TENDER

Join in sharing your God-given gift of care!

God has given us each a measure of gifts and care to share with others ... Most people feel comfortable devoting their time and care to family and friends; some are also inspired to expand their network of care to empower and encourage others

HEART TENDERS is a new opportunity at BUMC to nurture your interest in relating to people in your work or daily life with understanding, appropriate encouragement and companionship, specific assistance and prayer. It is also a time to discern ways you might reach out to people of all ages in our communities, neighborhood, workplace and congregation.

Thursdays
February 6 - March 12
10:00 AM - 11:30 PM

or
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Older youth and adults are especially invited to attend this 6-week learning and enrichment series to strengthen and refresh our abilities to encourage and support others in the midst of challenge and transition.

Call/text/contact Mim at (612) 791-3969 or mim@bumc.org to join-in and receive more information.

**BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS AND
SO FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST.
GALATIANS 6:2**



Tuesdays
January 21 - April 14
10:00 AM - 11:45 AM

GriefShare is 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 ongoing commentaries with people who have experienced the death of a loved one. After viewing the video, there will be a brief discussion along with the option of sharing our own challenges and experiences. A workbook will also be used with resources for personal reflection at home. Cost: \$15.00.

Please contact the Church Office or Mim at
(612) 791-3969 or
mim@bumc.org.



Prayers of the People

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

For the family of Marjory Johnson, Mary Schoeppler, Peggy Strickland's brother and Marion Williams sister 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: Bill Barott, Wally Hartmann, Doris Kephart, Jim Hoffner, Sherry Lindner, Joe Hill, Maxine Chapman and Bernice Nelson.

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



To our Communion Servers and Liturgists:
Candy Mattson,
Theo, Joyce &
Joylus Harris, Mike
& Colleen Colbert,

Jean Blosberg, Pat Swanson, BUMY Youth

And our Greeters:

Lisa Bloedow, Joan Campe, Miriam Chiza, John & Sana Eakins, Tom & Jane Eberhart, Mona Geeting, Agnes Lowry, Ben & Vera Roberts, Paul & Gail Stone, Rich & Sharon VanDenbos



MISSION MINUTE

You will see the January 5 and January 12, 2020 Change 4 Change devoted to helping promote Solar Ovens. Seven of us were fortunate to participate in a part of the production process of these ovens last spring and to enjoy "Mama Zeck's wonderful cooking."

Just before Thanksgiving 2019, 945 ovens with the necessary accessories were sent to the Dominican Republic. Marj Evans-de-Carpio, the program director, is always looking for ways to improve the products and has replaced plastic bags containing oven accessories with volunteer-sewn fabric pouches. The accessories are placed in each pouch which when emptied, can serve as a useful bag; additionally, less plastic is left behind.

Ms. Evans-de-Carpio stated that the "value of the materials shipped in the sea container is over \$102,000. Shipping costs, not including the customs and ground transport in the Dominican Republic, are over \$6200. It is because of the generosity of our donors and volunteers that we are able to express God's love for financially vulnerable people in the places we serve."

Thank you in advance for your generosity. The need is so great!

--The Mission Committee

P.S. There is talk of another mission trip going to Raymond, South Dakota. Interested?

JANUARY HOT BUY

WRIGHT'S HICKORY SMOKED BACON



\$7.00 / 3 lbs

(Limit 2 per household)



fare for all
a program of the food group

Mark your calendar for the 2020 dates
(Thursdays from 3:30pm-5:30)

Jan 16, Feb 13, Mar 12, Apr 16, May 14, Jun 11,
Jul 16, Aug 13, Sep 17 Oct 15, Nov 5, Dec 3

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If you ever find yourself with free time and would like to do some volunteering (besides at church), Brooklyn Middle School is in need of volunteers. Please contact Nyia Harris weekday mornings at 763-569-7748 or harrisa@district279.org



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