

# News from the



February 2020  
Circuit Rider

# SOUL RESET

BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7200 BROOKLYN BLVD., BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55429

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

The United Methodist Church has been in the news, on our social media feeds, part of our conversations, front pages of our papers, and the national media over the last few weeks. First, the United Methodist Church on a global level put out news of a group representing the different factions of the Church. They came out with a plan to split the Church over our struggles with human sexuality. Next, our sister church, Park Avenue UMC, landed on the front page of the Star Tribune with the resignation of their associate pastor over charges being filed against her, her supervising pastor and our District Superintendent. Then, last week Grove UMC made it all the way to national news being accused of ageism as it re-launches its Cottage Grove site.

Let me work my way backwards. The folks of Grove UMC are not asking their older members to leave, or excluding them as some local media has made it out. They voted as a church to close the campus in Cottage Grove and then relaunch after an attempt to remodel it, redesign their worship and ministries to attract new people, focusing on young people, but not in exclusion of anyone of any age. Our thoughts and prayers need to be with the people of Grove UMC as they have been wrongly characterized as excluding their older population. As some of our people can tell you, it is a tough decision to shut down a declining church and move to another. Let's keep them in our prayers.

Our prayers need to be with Park Ave UMC as well. Our denomination has come to the brink of schism over how we shall accept and include our LGBTQIA+ members and neighbors. Park Avenue UMC and our Conference leadership are caught up in this schism and mistakes were made, harm was caused. Our prayers need to be with all of them.

The denomination as a whole? In May the General Church is coming to Minneapolis. Delegates from around the world are coming here to wrestle with God over the issue of how we will treat and accept our LGBTQIA+ brothers and sisters. As a global church this wrestling will be hard. If it weren't we would not have spent the last 50 years struggling with it and yes, a split seems to be coming. We have split before: over slavery, over the ordination of women clergy, and now over human sexuality. There are a number of proposals calling for a split of the church. One of them more likely will pass at this General Conference.

So Brooklyn UMC, what does this mean for us? Add all of these things together and it means one thing—Brooklyn will be the people God has called us to be. At Brooklyn UMC we will be The Heart of the Brooklyns (the entire metro) by loving God and neighbor, by healing a broken world, by reaching new people for Jesus Christ and by being a church for everyone to discover the grace of Jesus Christ. That is who we are and what we shall do! No matter what others do!

No matter what the denomination does! No matter what the Conference does, we shall move forward in ministry and mission.

We are also setting up a few teams of people to help us address our future and our future ministry. We have a Reconciling team helping us deal with how we are going to welcome and accept our LGBTQIA+ neighbors. We are setting up a Racial Reconciliation team to help us fully live into being a multi-cultural church. We are starting an Immigration Team to help those new to our community adapt to life in the Metro and in our church. Add to that we are engaged in a Conference program called MMCI which is helping to shape how we move forward as a church by helping us not to just survive but to thrive.

I pray we all can engage and help Brooklyn UMC be The Heart of our communities as God has called us.

Pastor Rich



## Boy Scout Troop 299 Pancake Breakfast!

**\$8 Adult \$5 10 & under**

**Date: Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 9:30 am-11:30am**



**Place: Brooklyn United Methodist Church**

**7200 Brooklyn Blvd. Brooklyn Center 55429**

<https://sites.google.com/site/troop299mn/>

This breakfast is sponsored by the The ELKS lodge #44

Others donations from Brooklyn Park Lions and Palmer Lake VFW



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9am-noon (F)

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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.

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

*2020 Average Worship  
Attendance = 270*



## 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 regarding 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 Toolkit 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](mailto: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!

## Brooklyn Reconciling Committee News

The committee of 15 has met twice since being formed in October 2019. We will be putting out a survey to the congregation during all services on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This survey will give us a baseline of how our congregation feels with acceptance of the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and queer community in all aspects of our church. It will also help guide the Reconciling Committee in the next steps to take at Brooklyn.

If you are unable to attend one of the services on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, you can still participate in the survey by stopping at the Welcome Desk to fill it out and leave it in the collection basket until February 11<sup>th</sup>. This survey will be anonymous.

Thank you for your participation!

Diane Denkmann

Sheila Weber

Carol Foster

Cindy Lukehart

Joan Campe

Alice Ellison

Nancy Kipp

Lexi Bergevin

Miriam Chiza

Linda Shadden

Gil Robinson

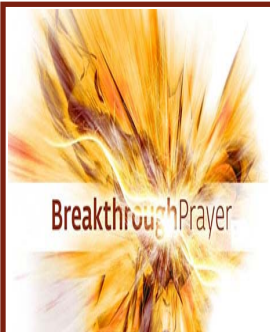
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As we begin a new year, we hope our Breakthrough Prayer will continue to be or added to your daily prayer life. Join us at 7:20 am and 7:20 pm (or any times that work for you) in praying our Breakthrough Prayer.

*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.*



Join us February 12th, and every 2nd Wednesday of the month, for worship & song, hosted by worship leaders, Lexi Bergevin & Carl Doe.

### Brooklyn's Kids Start New Unit

As the congregation in worship and study learns about Soul Reset, the kids are doing a unit called Power Up: starting each day with Jesus. Each session teaches that they can connect with God anytime and how to do that. They have learned The Daily Examen and how to do pop-up prayers already. In large group, kids take an offering, open with prayer, read scripture, and have a Bible lesson. Kids then break into smaller groups to do activities or a craft. Small group leaders are still needed at 11:30!

### Camp Registration is Open!

Registration for the 2020 season opened at BUMC on January 19th. See Linda for registration and scholarship forms, complete, and return with the \$25 fee.

Please see the camp page for camp sessions and important dates. Sessions listed include transportation.

## 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 Feed My Starving Children, our Scout Troop 299 and Midwest Mission Team

### Feed My Starving Children - 2/2

Every year, millions of children die from preventable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria and undernutrition. Hunger is still causing nearly half of deaths in children under 5 years old.

This is heartbreaking. FMSC believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development.

Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential.

### Troop 299 - 2/9

A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

They will also be participating in worship and serving a pancake breakfast.

### Midwest Mission - 2/16 & 2/23

See article on pg. 10



**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

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During February, **The 1 Million Meal NW Metro Mega Pack** takes place over 5 days in Champlin. The Egan Company has donated their warehouse at 11611 Business Park N., Champlin once again. Brooklyn is signed up for three sessions. Our first volunteer session is on Wed. evening, Feb. 19th from 6 – 8 pm. The next session is Sat. morning, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 – 11 am with our Interfaith group. The last session is on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12 – 2 pm.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall for one or several sessions. Invite your co-workers, neighbors, friends and family members to work alongside you to help God's miracle of making 1,000,000 meals in five days a reality. If you are not able to volunteer, please consider making a donation and pray for the children and their families in need of these nutritious meals. Together with our Northwest Metro community, we will make a miracle happen!



*"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

**Luke 6:38**

### **To The Brooklyn Methodist Church Community:**

To all of those who supported BUMC in 2019 with their time, their talents, and their financial gifts. Thank you! With the help of your generous contributions, we were able to live out our goals of loving God and neighbor, reaching new people and healing a broken world.

As we move into 2020, BUMC is exploring new ways to continue its mission with congregational involvement. We would like to introduce the new BUMC Stewardship team to encourage giving within the church.

All of us have been blessed with spiritual gifts of time, talent and treasure. Our team aspires to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit by encouraging the BUMC family to share those gifts and grow in love of God.

Over the course of the year, you will hear more from the Stewardship Committee about our vision. We ask for your prayers and support as we embark on this journey.

Thank you again for sharing your gifts to make Brooklyn United Methodist Church the heart of the Brooklyns.

### **Stewardship Committee**

Pastor Henry Dolopei  
Charles Talbert  
Craig Hewitt  
Yvette Hewitt  
Tom Foster  
Elaine Bellew  
Lynell Tanner  
Philip Gray  
Wellington Daniels

### **Prayer Breakfast**

Saturday, Feb. 22, 10am - Fellowship Hall  
All are invited to a prayer breakfast, hosted by the third service women. As a means to grow in mind, body, spirit and fellowship in prayer, the women of the third service are hosting an all inclusive prayer breakfast. We are going to pray for unity within the church; God has called us. We're going to pray for spiritual growth as a church and as individuals. We are going to pray for individuals in need of healing and pray for individuals requests. Also, the importance of prayer and how to pray will be thought.



## **Check Out Our Church App!**

Access sermons, prayer requests, events and more.

1. Download Church by MinistryOne in App Store

2. Search for Our Church

3. Select & Explore!



## Camp Registration is Open

Camp sessions fill faster every year! Register early to avoid disappointment.

To register, fill out a registration form, a scholarship form and \$25 payment for each camper.

If you register during Early Bird Registration, before April 30th, you get a FREE \$25 in your camp store account!

Remember you can invite friends and family from outside Brooklyn Church to come to camp with you! You get a credit of \$25 for every new camper you register! All first time campers count.

Campers and friends will have a chance to do fundraisers in April and May at Cub Foods and to sell popcorn on Father's Day .

Contact Linda for brochures and information, watch your email, and look for Camp News in your mailbox and at the Welcome Desk.



Camps*		
Pathway 2/Koronis	9-13 years	June 21-26 (bus provided)
Teen Specialty Camp/Koronis	13-18 years	July 19-24
L.Y.F.E./Northern Pines	Completed grades 7-10	June 21-27 (bus provided)
Teddy Bear 1/Koronis	6-9 years	June 28-30 (bus provided)
Fundraisers	Cub Bagging	TBA
	Popcorn Sales	Father's Day June 21
Important Dates		
	<b>CAMP SUNDAY</b>	Sunday, March 22
	Camp brochures & registration	Contact Linda anytime!
	Early Bird Registration	Closes April 30

\* There are many, many Camp Minnesota offerings. These are the camp sessions BUMC actively recruits to and supports.

See Mim for information on Mission trips for youth.

Contact Linda for more information and forms at [children@bumc.org](mailto:children@bumc.org) or 763-234-2019 call/text.







## WALKIN' THE TALK

It's time to check in with our  
Bingo Buddies at Maranatha!

Saturday, February 29  
11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

First, we'll assemble Oodles of Noodles  
Packs (see below) and have a pizza lunch.  
Then, we'll head on over to Maranatha



### KID PACKS!

Youth continue to assemble 175 weekend food  
packs for youth in Garden City, Brooklyn Middle  
School and Park Center High School every month.

## OODLES OF NOODLES!

IT'S  
ANOTHER  
YOUTH  
FUND  
RAISER!



### Delicious Italian Dishes - Ready-to-Go!

Once again, BUMC cooks & chefs will share  
their delectable sauces with us to top your  
favorite noodles!

Orders will be taken: February 16-23  
Pick-up/Delivery: March 1

**PROCEEDS GO TO HELP 27 YOUTH GO ON  
THEIR MISSION TRIP! TO ALAMOSA, CO.**

## Youth Ministry

By Mim Campbell, Director



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!

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

Applications for this scholarship are available in  
the Church Office.

### 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](http://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.



Say hello to the newest member of BUMC's Recycle Brigade. There are three of these containers in the Church.

They are here to collect paper...and ONLY PAPER. There are separate containers to collect bottles and cans and garbage cans to collect the rest. Please help in our effort to recycle by placing trash in the appropriate container.



The Christmas Decoration Sale was a successful fundraiser for the church and for the UMW at their Fall Bazaar! Thank You for all of your donations and for shopping the sale! We would like to continue this next year. Please consider bringing your Christmas items to church (Room 19) if you are downsizing or just going through your Christmas decorations as you put them away and throughout the next year! Please NO trees, only tabletop or smaller. Thank You!



Our Yvette Hewitt presenting an award at the MLK breakfast in January.



## CARE MINISTRIES

Mim Campbell,  
Pastoral Care

Become a **Heart Tender ...**



Join in sharing  
your God-given  
gift of  
love and care!

Take a few moments to refresh your interest and ability to reach out to people of all ages in our congregation, communities, neighborhoods, schools and workplaces. Gain additional insight and understanding as you provide appropriate encouragement, specific assistance, support and prayer.

Thursdays February 6 - March 12  
**10:00 AM - 11:30 PM or 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**



## Prayers of the People

You may 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.

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

For the families of Wally Hartman and Henry Williams along with Julie Larish's mother as they are welcomed into their heavenly home.

For healing, health and strength for the following members of our faith community: Jim Hoffner, Bill Barott, Doris Kephart, Joe Hill, Maxine Chapman and Bernice Nelson.

*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.*



To our Communion Servers and Liturgists:  
Meg, Jeff, Gabrielle, & Grace  
Holton, Tom & Carol Foster, Judy Mennenga, Candy Mattson, & Mary Hooper

And our Greeters: Tom and Jane Eberhart  
Sharon Jensen, Nancy Kipp and Jim Schagh  
Ken Rossina and Gail Murray, Peggy Strickland  
Barbara Strahan, Phyllis Watkins



## MISSION MINUTE

MIDWEST MISSION: "Hope and Empowerment Around the World & Around the Corner" March 1 -7, 16 members of BUMC will spend a week at Midwest Mission in Illinois preparing a wide variety of supplies to be shipped nationally and internationally to people in need. Through its many overseas and local partners, MM sends disaster relief, health, and educational supplies, micro-business training materials, and food packs to "transform the resources of God's people into humanitarian relief." Though a partner with UMCOR Sager Brown in Louisiana, Midwest Mission is independently funded and receives no UMCOR money. The February 16 & 23 Change for Change offerings will go to support the many projects of Midwest Mission. We also would gratefully accept your thoughts and prayers.



**MIDWEST MISSION**  
DISTRIBUTION CENTER  
[midwestmission.org](http://midwestmission.org)



fare for all  
*a program of the food group*

## FEBRUARY HOT BUY

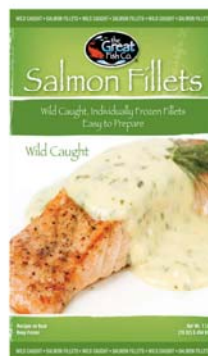
**HORMEL PORK LOIN\***



**\$3.50 / approx. 1 lb**  
**(Limit 2 per household)**

\*flavor may vary

**WILD- CAUGHT  
SALMON FILLETS**



**\$5.50 / 1 lb**  
**(Limit 2 per household)**

Mark your calendar for the 2020 dates  
(Thursdays from 3:30pm-5:30)  
Feb 13, Mar 12, Apr 16, May 14, Jun 11,  
Jul 16, Aug 13, Sep 17 Oct 15, Nov 5, Dec 3



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.



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](mailto:harrisa@district279.org)

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