

# News from the



March 2020  
Circuit Rider

## THE WALK

FIVE ESSENTIAL PRACTICES  
OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7200 BROOKLYN BLVD., BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55429

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

I know I am not the only one that is told this by his or her doctor: “You need to start walking.” Our health, mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health is just better when we take a walk, when our bodies move. So how about for LENT, these 40 days plus Sundays leading us to Easter, we commit to actually following through on our doctor’s advice and go for a walk?

Throughout Lent we are going to take a look at the book, “The Walk” by Adam Hamilton. In worship we are going to explore stories of Jesus while he was on the move. In studies, conversations, daily spiritual practices, prayer walks, in all kinds of different ways, we are going to explore how we walk with God.



As part of our walk we are asking every single person of BUMC - member or not, guests to our 90+, everyone - to take **“The Walk” Challenge**. Worship and pray 5 times a day; study by reading at least 5 verses of Scripture a day; serve by doing 5 acts of kindness per week; give by practicing 5 acts of extraordinary generosity a month; and finally to share by inviting 5 people to church this year.

Look over this newsletter for all kinds of ways you can join us for The Walk. Studies, conversations (study lite), prayer walks...all kinds of ways you commit to The Walk. It is going to be a life changing experience, but only if you take your doctor’s advice and start walking!

One more thing, I’m going to take The Walk literally. I am starting to walk every morning and every evening for each day of Lent. On my walks I’m going to pray through how I should Worship and Pray, Study, Serve, Give and Share my way through Lent and in the evenings I’m going to walk through our Breakthrough Prayer! Let me know if you join me in literal walking this Lent.

~Pastor Rich

### WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

*The Walk* Events 7pm

A conversation with Pastor Rich over a bowl of soup and some bread about our weekly *The Walk* theme. We will open up our Bibles, talk about our weekly theme and Lenten challenge, may even do some prayer walking if weather permits.

March 4th - Worship & Prayer: A Living Hallelujah

March 11th - Study: The importance of Listening and Paying Attention

March 18th - Service: Here I am Lord, Send Me

March 25th - Give: Where Your Treasure Is...

April 1st - Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light

April 8th - The Five Practices from the Cross and Prayer Walk

Similar discussions will happen in our Chapel on Sunday mornings at 10:10am, March 1st through April 5th.

On Sunday, March 15th at 10:15am in the Chapel, Pastor Rich would like to have a conversation with any of you who are interested in one of the following service ministries: Youth Homelessness/Avenues and Hope4Youth; Adult Homelessness/Dignity Center; or Immigrant Ministries of BUMC. Stop by to chat.



**Sunday, March 29th is a 5th Sunday**

A Sunday of Service

Mark your calendars!

10am Worship (One Service Only)

11:15am Pot-Luck Fellowship Time  
(bring a dish to share)

Noon Service Events begin  
A Team to the Dignity Center



7200 Brooklyn Blvd.  
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Office Hours 9am-4pm (M-Th)  
9am-noon (F)

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bumc.org

*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 Brooklyns,  
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 = 254*



Thank you to the 255 participants of the Reconciling Committee Survey regarding the acceptance of the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, queer community at Brooklyn United Methodist Church. 74% of us indicated we are accepting of the LGBTQ Community. As the committee moves forward, we encourage you to attend the sessions that will be provided to further understand and learn more about how we can meet God's Commandment for us to "Love our Neighbors as Ourselves."

In the months to come we will be holding sessions on "Gracious Conversations," theology of how to understand the Bible's difficult issues, hearing people's stories, and the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. Stay tuned for updates at Brooklyn.

There are two upcoming events at other churches that we urge you to attend.

Dan Johnson, Twin Cities District Superintendent, will be hosting gatherings open to clergy and lay members of local churches in preparation of General Conference in May. Anticipated topics will include General Conference plans and decision points, strategies for handling the media, resources for further dialogue in local churches, and sharing dreams, hopes, and desires for our desired future.

The district gatherings are:

Sunday, March 1, 1 p.m., Prospect Park UMC in Minneapolis  
Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 p.m., Faith UMC in West St. Paul

RSVPs are requested to [walker.brault@minnesotaumc.org](mailto:walker.brault@minnesotaumc.org) or 612-230-6146 to ensure adequate materials.

## UMW Spring Plant Sale



*Orders taken  
March 22 - April 5  
in Narthex after  
9am service*

*Call Carol Barott  
with questions at  
763-315-0993*

*Orders can be  
picked up after  
4pm on  
May 19*



Sundays in March, Brooklyn United Methodist Church is participating in the **March Food Share: CEAP Community Challenge**, helping CEAP to restock their food pantry shelves. We will collect food donations for the CEAP Food Pantry throughout March, so please bring your donations to the church on Sundays or any day during March. Look for our CEAP collection display outside of the sanctuary. Our **Change4Change** offerings, Sundays the 1st, 8th and 15th, will go to support CEAP efforts to end hunger in our community. Consider making a special donation to help them since all of our gifts during this challenge are matched!

#### Other ways you can serve during the Challenge:

- ◆ Volunteers needed Sunday, March 29th at noon to organize and pack up all our food donations for delivery.
- ◆ Monday, March 30th at 9am come help us with our delivery over to CEAP!
- ◆ Go to <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/3136641/false#/invitation> and volunteer during a special time to handle food donations and sort them at CEAP.
- ◆ Shop in the CEAP thrift store during March and round up your purchase for the Challenge.

#### What kind of items should I bring?

What CEAP needs are the everyday, non-perishable food and household items. Think of your favorite meal ingredients, the spices you cook with all the time, and the healthy foods you and/or your family eat on a regular basis and bring them to church Sundays in March. This list below is not comprehensive but a good start!

**MEAT AND PROTEIN:** Canned and dried beans; canned tuna, chicken, ham or salmon; lentils; peanut butter; soup.

**GRAINS/NOODLES:** Cereal; pasta of all types; rice (brown and white); flour; oatmeal.

**CANNED FRUITS and VEGETABLES:** Spaghetti/pasta sauce; vegetables (low or no sodium); tomatoes;

Applesauce; Fruit in juice (not syrup).

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Spices; cooking oils; vinegar; condiments; salt; pepper; sugar

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 March FoodShare, One Great Hour of Sharing and 5th Sunday Service Projects

**CEAP's March FoodShare - 3/1, 3/8, 3/15**  
See article on left

#### One Great Hour of Sharing - 3/22

UMCOR lives out signs of Christ's extravagant grace in the world by prayerfully working with communities that are overwhelmed by natural or man-made disasters. UMCOR builds on the strengths of what is already available in a community and actively involves the people affected in recovery efforts. One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own – and through our connection UMCOR has been doing this for 80 years.

The special offering received on UMCOR Sunday helps support the small but impactful UMCOR staff who are specialists in disaster response and recovery. Funds also ensure adequate training for emergency response coordinators, construction volunteers, and case managers who assist victims of disasters, chain saw gangs and sheetrock installers.

5th Sunday - 3/29







### My Goals for The Walk

**“This is how I run—not without a clear goal in sight”**

**- Paul (1 Corinthians 9:26)**

- \* Pray 5 times a day and worship weekly;  
Prayer Walk with BUMC at least once.
- \* Read 5 verses of the Bible daily and study the Bible in a small group or Grab Gather Grow.
- \* Practice 5 acts of intentional kindness a week and serve with others at least once.
- \* Extend 5 acts of generosity toward others each month, and give generously to God through the church.
- \* Let others know you are a Christian and invite 5 people to worship or a service event this year.

**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.**



**If you are a Liberian national or the spouse or unmarried son or daughter of a Liberian national, you may be eligible for lawful permanent residence in the USA under the new law:**

## **LIBERIAN REFUGEE IMMIGRATION FREEDOM ACT (LRIFA)**



**Don't wait to find out if you qualify. Volunteer Lawyers Network is providing:**

# **FREE LEGAL HELP**

- Free legal screening to assess if you qualify for LRIFA
- Free legal advice and referral on how to apply
- Free help to review your permanent resident application under LRIFA

**TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR THESE FREE LEGAL SERVICES  
AND FOR AN APPOINTMENT CALL:\***

**(612) 752-6635**

**Appointments are available between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. on:**

March 6	April 3	May 1	June 5	August 7
September 4	October 2	November 6	December 4	

**VLN-Brooklyn Legal Clinic  
7200 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center, MN**



This week, the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy to achieve two key objectives: equitably compensate victims who were harmed during their time in Scouting, and continue to carry out Scouting's mission for years to come.

**This financial restructuring is limited to the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America organization. Northern Star Scouting is separately incorporated, financially sound and will continue to keep Scouting strong for youth in our area.**

I want to highlight a few important points:

- **Scouting programs will continue.** Unit meetings and activities, district and council events, other Scouting adventures and countless service projects will take place as usual. In short, we expect no changes to the local Scouting experience in our community.
- **Scouting is and always has been one of the safest places for all children.** Over many years, we've developed some of the strongest expert-informed youth protection policies found in any youth-serving organization. I can also assure you that our volunteers and employees take youth protection extremely seriously and do their part to protect kids in Scouting and in their communities.
- **Restricted donations – past, present or future – can only be used for their designated purpose.** In addition, Friends of Scouting (FOS) and other annual donations made to our Council will continue to fund necessary day-to-day expenses that are critical to our local Scouting programs. We will maintain liability insurance for our volunteers and chartering organizations.

While we do not anticipate the national organization's filing will have a direct impact on your unit's local Scouting experience, I understand you may still have questions. To that end, visit our council website [www.northernstar.org](http://www.northernstar.org) for the most recent information or contact our office at 612-261-2300 to speak to a staff member who serves your community, or to ask for me.

Through your engagement and dedication to Scouting, Northern Star Scouting will continue to bring adventures, values and lifelong benefits to youth and our communities for generations to come. Thank you for your trust and partnership as we continue this important mission.

Sincerely,  
John Andrews  
Scout Executive - Northern Star Scouting

## BUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Linda Browning, Director

### Lenten Studies in Sunday School

The kids will be taking The Walk along with the congregation. We will look at worship, listening to God, practicing kindness, serving, being generous, bearing witness and following Christ. Every lesson will have a take home page and some weeks will have an assignment that will have a reward if returned the next Sunday.

### Camp Sunday is March 29<sup>th</sup>

Camp season 2020 has started! Papa Dan, Director of Camp Koronis, will join us on March 29<sup>th</sup> for a morning of information, activities, treats and message as we prepare to send kids and youth to camp. With our help, Camp Minnesota promises financial assistance for a camp experience for everyone who wants one and needs the support. Last year, 43 kids and youth from BUMC and the community were able to have a camp experience. BUMC assists in this through Change4Change offerings, donations and sponsorships. The kids participate in fund raisers and families contribute.

### Unity in the Body of Christ

It takes a church to nurture a child in faith. A whole church. It knows no difference between first service, second service or third service children. It makes no difference if you see the children every Sunday or only at fifth Sundays, Christmas and Easter, they are still all Brooklyn's kids and how we support them as individuals and through Children and Family ministry is critical in terms of our legacy for them. Even if your grandchildren are grown and gone or if your kids are babies in the nursery, you can ask about what the kids are learning (even our 3-5 year olds have a lesson), inquire about what the program might need, sit in on or assist with a Sunday School lesson. Your involvement is welcomed!

Ephesians 4:5-6 says "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 3:21, "to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

## 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.





## OODLES OF NOODLES!



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

Pick-up/Delivery: March 1

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



BUMC is setting aside a day to celebrate their accomplishments & bless their next steps.

**SUNDAY, May 31  
9:00 AM**

There will be a special blessing in worship  
with a cake reception to follow.



Families of graduates are asked to share a  
grad photo, along with a note regarding next  
steps, with Mim via text (612) 791-3969 or  
email [mim@bumc.org](mailto:mim@bumc.org).

## Youth Ministry

By Mim Campbell, Director



**IT'S A PALM SUNDAY PIE WALK!**

**APRIL 5**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



Youth are earnestly trying to earn money for  
their mission trip any way they can! Please join  
in making this one deliciously fun!

Bring your favorite pie - or any kind - before  
each service and they'll be available for sale  
throughout the morning!  
Pieces of pie will also be served during our  
coffee times.



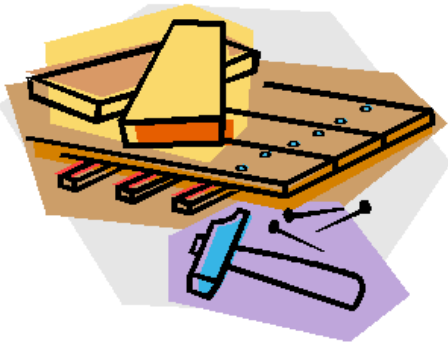
Twenty-four youth and adults are planning to  
head west this summer. They will enrich the  
Alamosa community as they stock food shelves,  
work on home improvement projects and  
coordinate day camps for young children.

The 20 hour road trip each way will include  
stops to see scenic sights, do a little or a lotta  
hiking and white-water rafting in the majestic  
Arkansas River! All of this would not be possible  
without your financial and prayerful support!



## 2020 Flooring Project Update

In a record amount of time, donations for the Flooring 2020 Project came pouring in from our compassionate members. And because of it, work is ready to begin for the renovation!! So, on **Sunday, March 1st**, come to worship in your jeans (yes, it's ok), partake in the delicious Men's breakfast, and then help pull up the carpet tiles after the Encounter service to prepare for the installers to begin on Monday the 2nd. We have a few crew leaders to direct you in what needs to be done but if you could sign up to help, it will make it easier for them to decide how many people to put where. As of 2/20/20, fundraising of \$40,500 has been received of the \$50,000 needed.



## CARE MINISTRIES

**Mim Campbell,**  
Pastoral Care

There are two bottom-line things we can do to change the world ...

They don't require going out of our way or weighing the cost, investment and benefit. And, there is no experience, skill, or training necessary.

They are appropriate for all ages and stages of life and guaranteed to have a lasting effect.

Though we may not see its full impact, we know from experience that the "on-going beat" of these two common courtesies assure us that we are worthy of recognition and interaction with the world around us.

It only takes one second to (1) make eye contact and (2) acknowledge or say "hi" to anyone we meet or pass by. That's it! And, in doing so, it ignites an awareness of identity and significance in intentional and random community that gives us a glimpse of what God actually created it and us to be!



Saturday, April 25, 9am-5pm

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings here. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979.



## 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 Frank Straka as he is welcomed into his heavenly home.

For healing, health and strength for members of our faith community: Sharon Van Denbos, Pastor Howie Baird, Lewis Logan, and Bill Barott

*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.*

**And our Greeters:** Karen Brewer, Mary Ann Peterson, Scout, Keith & Bernie Crook, George & Judy Bonnell, Tom & Carol Foster



## MISSION MINUTE

In asking Mission Committee members why they joined this particular committee, the responses seemed to follow a basic theme:

“sharing love”

“spreading God’s love”

“living God’s service”

“serving and loving in Jesus’ name”

“blessing”

“spreading God’s love through service”

"being Jesus' hands and feet in serving others"

"sharing God's grace"

If you have a mission idea for a Change 4 Change designation, please contact Judy Bonnell.

Interested in gardening? The two raised boxes by the white house will be looking for a gardener this spring and summer. The Mission Committee has some help for you with money for seeds.



Bill Barott turns 60 on March 8th and would love to hear from you! If you're able to send to the home address (in the directory) a birthday wish (60 is the goal), Carol will make sure he gets it!!



fare for all  
*a program of the food group*

**\$30**

# MARCH HOT BUY



# BRUNCH BOX!

**SMITHFIELD BONELESS SLICED HAM - 2-3 LBS****SMOKEY FARMS SAUSAGE PATTIES - 27 OZ**

### KODIAK PANCAKES (MAPLE BROWN SUGAR)

**(2) WRIGHT THICK CUT PORK BACON - 1.5 LB**

**TURKEY BREAKFAST LINKS - 1 LB**

**BUTTERBALL TURKEY BREAKFAST SAUSAGE - 1 LB**

**HASHBROWNS - 2 LBS**

**SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE - 1 LB**

**(FROZEN) TRI-COLOR PEPPER MIX - 14 OZ**

**(FROZEN) SPINACH - 10 OZ**

**LIMIT 1 PER HOUSEHOLD**

**MORE INFO @ [FAREFORALL.ORG](http://FAREFORALL.ORG)**

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

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

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