

# News from the



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Circuit Rider



BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7200 BROOKLYN BLVD., BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55429

# REOPENING THE CHURCH

The question everyone is asking is, “*When will BUMC reopen?*” The answer to that question is simple—we have never closed! Sure the Pandemic has forced us to shut down worship in the facility, along with meetings, fellowship and Sunday School. And yes, the staff is all working from home ... but the truth is we have never shut down and worship attendance seems to be holding its own. We have just shifted our focus to where it should always be. The church is not a building, it is the people, and so many have been doing so much during this Pandemic. From our *West African Food Pantry* to *Loaves and Fishes*, from neighbors reaching out to neighbors, to joining in the protests and protecting neighborhoods, to a prayer vigil at 38th and Chicago ... BUMC has never shut down!

But *we hope* to return to worship in our facility on **Sunday, Sept. 6th**. For that to happen we have a lot of procedures to put into place, some input from you, and the Pandemic Curve begins to flatten. The following are what we need to do and what we need from you to “Re-Open” for worship.

1) Our Pastors, Trustee Committee, and Church Leadership are working on some protocols we have to have in place before Sept. 6th and report them back to the State of Minnesota before Sept 6th. These protocols deal with how we will worship and how we will clean and sanitize the facility between each service, as well as how many people will be allowed inside at one time keeping strict social distancing. We hope that we can have up to 150 people, which is 50% occupancy, which the State allows, but with 6 feet of social distance. We have a lot of work to do before the 6th.

2) We need you to take a survey for us and return it by either the mail or take the online survey which should already be in your email inbox. I can not stress enough how important this survey is to take and return to us ASAP so we can do the planning needed for us to worship again inside (and if you have not given to BUMC in awhile please include your tithe or offering when you return the survey.)

3) Remember on **Sept. 6th** our hope is to open up BUMC for worship on Sundays. We are starting to re-open BUMC with a worship first policy. We will still have our staff work from home, we will hold no meetings, fellowship groups or Sunday School until we know it is safe to do so. Worship First, and hopefully the rest will come.

4) Worship starting Sept. 6th will be only a half-hour long, no singing, no hymnals or Bibles, face masks must be worn by all worshipers as well as strict social distancing protocols will be followed. Hand sanitizer stations, temperature checks, and recording of attendance for tracking in case of exposure from Covid-19 will also be enforced.

5) **GIVE:** We need you to continue to give. In this newsletter is a brief report on our stewardship during this pandemic, as well as a reminder of how you can continue to give during these times.

6) We are in **Phase Orange** currently, following the State of MN and the United Methodist Church Guidelines for our reopen plan. Starting Sept. 6th we shall enter the next phase—Yellow. If you would like more details on these guidelines contact us and we will email the documentation we are following. It will also be posted at the church for your viewing.

6) **Do no Harm; Do Good, Stay in Love with God** is the foundational principle we are following as United Methodists as we work toward re-opening. Why we are following such strict protocols and being overly cautious is that we do not want to harm anyone, we want to do good, and help each member and friend of BUMC stay in love with God. We ask for your understanding and cooperation as we move toward Re-Opening for Worship at BUMC.

Please hold BUMC and its leadership in your prayers as we work our way toward Sept. 6th.

Pastor Rich



## Re-Open Survey

**Please respond to the following survey about BUMC Re-Opening our Facility on Sept. 6th.**

**Please fill out completely to help us update our records.**

**A response is requested by July 15th.**

Mail back to:  
BUMC  
7200 Brooklyn Blvd.  
Brooklyn Center MN 55429

HOUSEHOLD NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Names _____	Birth date _____
_____	Birth date _____
_____	Birth date _____
_____	Birth date _____
_____	Birth date _____
_____	Birth date _____

Address:

Home Phone Number:

Primary Cell Phone Number: (Belongs to: \_\_\_\_\_)

Secondary Cell Phone Number: (Belongs to: \_\_\_\_\_)

**All Worship will be in Sanctuary, 30 minutes in length, No Singing, No Fellowship,  
Strict Social Distancing, Masks, and Attendance for tracking required of all attending.**

**Please mark which option applies to you.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I Will Not Be Returning to Worship in the facility on Sept. 6th and continue social distancing for awhile.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend 9am Traditional Worship; How many in your party at 9am: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend through Drive-up during the 9am Service in either of our parking lots but not come inside.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend 10am encounter worship; How many in your party: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend through Drive-Up during 10am Service in either of our parking lots but not come inside.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend 11:30 am African Contemporary Worship; How many in your party: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend through Drive-Up during 11:30am Service in either of our parking lots but not come inside.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continue to worship through Social Media or Phone Service.

**Please return this survey As Soon As Possible.**

**Thank you for your time. It will help us plan our re-opening on Sept. 6th.**

**TEAR OFF THIS PAGE AND MAIL IT IN OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO ADMIN@BUMC.ORG.**

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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 Brooklyns,  
the north side and beyond.

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

## Conversations on Race Sunday Nights, 7pm

ZOOM for those who want to be part of the discussion

Facebook Live for those who want to just listen.

Join Pastor Rich for some Conversations on Race.

The conversation will center around the Wesleyan Question:

How is it with your soul during these times?

For BUMC's people of color to share their experiences and how is it  
with their soul and for white folks to listen.

## Brooklyn UMC—A Church for Everyone!

To join Zoom, click link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82545512644> or go to  
zoom.com and join a meeting - ID # 82545512644

Or by phone at 1-312-626- 6799 and enter in ID 825 4551 2644 when  
prompted.

### White Fragility

#### *Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*

By Robin Diangelo

*"A vital, necessary, and beautiful book, a bracing call to  
white folk everywhere to see their whiteness for what it  
is and to seize the opportunity to make things better  
now."*

- Michael Eric Dyson

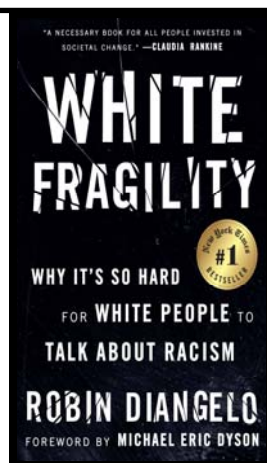
Buy a copy or download it with your favorite e-reader.

Make no mistake about it, this book will make you  
uncomfortable. But if things are going to change then  
white folks need to help make things better.

Book Discussion: **Monday, July 27th 7pm**

Zoom/Facebook Live (BUMC page)

Facilitator—Pastor Rich



## Why I wear a mask and social distance?

For the other!

So schools can re-open sooner! So businesses can begin again! So  
church can gather! So my parents do not get sick! For the other with an  
underlying condition! So the college student may go back to school! So  
I can get a hot dog and watch someone round 2nd base some day! So  
grandkids can spend some time with their grandparents! So I can visit  
my elderly parent(s)! So I can sing *"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"*  
in four parts! So I can attend a craft show! So I can Do Good, Do No  
Harm and Stay in Love with God. So I can greet an old friend from my  
Bible Study group! So I can hug again! So my preschooler can go to the  
park! So I can go to a movie! So I can sit down and order appetizers! So  
my iced tea does not come in a to-go cup! So I can go to a meeting  
without a Zoom invite! A Vacation! So my family room can be a family  
room again! So someday I don't have to wear a mask! So we all buy  
enough time for a vaccine. Because the life of the other matters more  
than my sacrifice! Because Jesus said the 2nd greatest commandment  
was... Love Your Neighbor! Sooner than later if we do our part.

# How are you Worshipping with us?



## On Our Facebook Platforms

9am BUMC—Brooklyn United Methodist Church posting of liturgy and message by a Pastor.

10am BUMC—Brooklyn United Methodist Church live posting of Drive-up Service.

10:30am **Encounter Worship at BUMC** posting of liturgy and message by a Pastor and music by encounter.

11:30am African Contemporary Worship of Brooklyn United Methodist Church live posting of Drive-up Service.

Make sure when worshipping with us on Facebook you set up a "watch party" to your own page.

You may also after Sunday morning go to our website (bumc.org) and watch worship through our YouTube channel.



Not at all digital, don't like using a computer or a smart phone, or driving to worship? Then let us call you at 10am on Sundays and you can listen to worship. Dial... 877-447-BUMC (2862)

After you call once it will prompt you to let us call you every Sunday morning at 10am for worship. All you have to do is listen. Any type of phone will work.

Thursdays at 10am you can also listen to a hymn of the week.

If you want a hymnal to sing along with, let us know and we shall get one to you.



## Are you still giving through BUMC?

Covid-19 has taken a terrible toll on churches, non-profits, restaurants, and other small businesses. BUMC is no exception. We have taken some steps, having canceled many of our maintenance contracts and as an example are mowing the lawn with volunteers (every other Thursday at 10am if you would like to join us.) Our Trustees have gone through the building and shut off anything not absolutely essential for our buildings (example: no air conditioning.) We kept our contract employees on full pay through May but have had to suspend them which was hard for us. We worked hard on a PPP loan from our bank and Federal Government that should be turned into a grant (for almost \$66,000). We weren't accepted for the 1st round of applications, then turned down by our bank for most of the asking for the 2nd application but we dug in, called a few people and got the majority of our request!

We have done almost everything humanly possible to cut expenses and keep our ministry alive. Our Church leadership went so far as creating a program that tracks our giving and our expenses that we review weekly and all our decisions are based on firm financial principles to keep our ministry alive.

But it all still comes down to your gifts. Many churches, many non-profits, are not going to survive this pandemic. Reality is that churches are going to be one of the last, if not last "businesses" allowed to re-open to their full capacity! But at BUMC we are not only going to survive this pandemic we are going to thrive. We are still going to be the heart of the Brooklyns, we are still going to love God and Neighbor, Heal a Broken World, Reach New People, and Be A Church for Everyone.

We have not closed, we will not close, we will thrive. But that takes you. Please continue to give through your church. And if possible, increase your gift or make a special gift during these Pandemic Times.



### HELP SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

Mail an offering (checks only please) to:  
Brooklyn UMC  
7200 Brooklyn Blvd.  
Brooklyn Center MN 55429

You can give to both our General Budget or Change4Change online through:

- 1) our website - [bumc.org](http://bumc.org) (clicking link takes you directly there)
- 2) download the app **Church by MinistryOne** on your smart phone and search for Brooklyn United Methodist Church
- 3) text "give" to 651-240-2862 (BUMC)



Greetings BUMC,  
What a friend you are to us especially during this pandemic. You have honored us with a gift that is making a difference in the lives of people. Thanks for your continuous generosity.

Today, I am introducing you to Financial Peace University. Before I dive into it, do you still **remember**, John Wesley's three principle of the use of money?

**Gain all you can  
Save all you can  
Give all you can**

The right use of money is of the utmost importance to the Christian, yet it is a subject given too little attention. Wealth has often been regarded by poets and philosophers as a source of evil and yet the fault lies, not with money, but with those who use it. Indeed, money should be regarded as a gift of God for the benefits that it brings in ordering the affairs of civilization and the opportunities it offers for doing good. In the hands of God's children, money is food for the hungry, clothing for the naked and shelter for the stranger. With money we can care for the widow and the fatherless, defend the oppressed, meet the need of those who are sick or in pain. It is therefore most urgent that God's people know how to make use of their money for his glory.

For many of us, our financial future is uncertain. In America, 78% of people live paycheck to paycheck. 7 out of 10 couples do not budget consistently. **About 66% of families would struggle to pay for a \$1,000 emergency.**

***We all need a plan for our money.***

What if you were following a plan for your money that you KNEW worked? With David Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future.

- Budget, save and pay off debt.
- Get on the same page with your spouse.
- Identify which types of insurance you need.
- Plan and save for major expenses.

Invest for your future, give generously, and more.

**What is Financial Peace University?**

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-lesson, money-management class taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more.

We will be offering FPU to the entire congregation, and the community in the coming months. Details follow later.

The Generosity and Stewardship team, your Staff including the Pastors, are enrolled. For the past seven weeks, we have been gaining wisdom and putting to practice these great tools. Whatever your financial journey, I believe Financial Peace University work for all. We can't wait to share testimonials.

**Ecclesiastes 7:12** "Wisdom is a shelter as **money** is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves those who have it."

Blessings,  
Pastor Henry



## Prayers of the People

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

In grief for the families of Jim Woods, Maxine Chapman, Shirley Bullock, Vicki Krueger & Fred Froelich

For healing, health and strength for members of our faith community: Charles Talbert, Keith Crook, Wendell Garnhart, Sherry Lindner, Laurene Rick, Pastor Howie Baird

For the good news that Joe Hill has been taken off hospice.

*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 [mim@bumc.org](mailto:mim@bumc.org).*



# FAITH5

FAITH5 is a tool for every household to use every night in their homes. Spend 15 minutes doing:

**SHARE** highs and lows  
**READ** the weekly Bible verse  
**TALK** about the weekly Bible verse  
**PRAY** your highs and lows  
**BLESS** each other



## Faith Every Night, In Every Home, Reinforced Every Week in Church!

Want to transform your home? Want to develop the skills on communicating with your family that can last a lifetime? Want your children and youth to continue to grow their faith during this pandemic? Want to know what your child is feeling? Want your young person to be able to talk to you when they really need to talk to you? Want to help your grandchildren grow in their faith?

If your answer is “yes” to any of the above, all you need to do is carve out 15 minutes a day, every day, with your family and share, read, talk, pray and bless your way into faith for their entire household. BUMC’s Children and Family Ministry, Youth Ministries, and our Pastors will do everything you need to reinforce you every week in this task. But you have to take the first step—you have to start with the Faith5 every day—all it takes is 15 minutes. Your household is worth it.

**“As for me and my house, we shall follow the Lord!” Joshua 24:15**

## Volunteer Lawyers Network

VLN continues to provide services by expanding their phone advice schedule, and continues to place full representation cases. Please call their intake line to schedule legal consultations by phone. The line is open M/W/TH between 9:00am and 1:00pm at (612) 752-6677.



## BUMC CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

Linda Browning, Director

Have the last couple of months felt kind of like the world has been turned upside down? You read and hear about climate change, a scary virus, people have lost their jobs and need help with feeding their families, and the issues of racism and protests against it. Do you feel like you're too "little" or young to make a difference, to take action? There's a story about a farming community that was devastated by drought. First the crops died from lack of rain and now the town was dying. So they all gathered together in the town hall to pray for rain. But only one person brought an umbrella--a boy of 7. Now that is faith.

Find something that really gets you excited and find a way to get involved. Write a letter to the government about climate change. Have a front porch food drive in your neighborhood and collect the items and take them to CEAP or another food shelf. Join a peaceful protest at a high school or go to 38th and Chicago Avenue to show your support for an end to racism. Mow the lawn of a senior neighbor who is stuck in the house. Make and wear a mask to help keep people at risk from the Covid-19 virus a little safer. Write an encouraging message with sidewalk chalk so that someone can read it from their front steps.

Everyone can make a difference. Girls and boys, young or old, any color or ethnicity. Remember to pray for the change you'd like to see--and bring your umbrella.



# Minnesota Annual Conference 2020

August 29

Greetings!

Annual Conference is coming! We want you to be included in our worship this year. Our theme is "Be the Light, Live Hope!" and we want to share how Minnesota United Methodists are living hope in our communities. To participate, simply make a sign that says "I AM LIVING HOPE BY \_\_\_\_\_" and fill in the blank with a way that you are living hope in your context. Here's an example:



A few guidelines:

- Use a dark marker and large printing so that your sign will show up in the photo.
- Don't write your name on the photo or sign.
- Take the photo landscape (hold your phone the wide way).

Email your photos to Rachael Warner at [raw.umc@gmail.com](mailto:raw.umc@gmail.com) by July 19.

- By sending a photo, you are agreeing to allow it to be used in online worship that will be shared publicly.

Be creative! Share hope! We look forward to receiving your photos and to "seeing" you in August!

Thanks in advance,

Rev. Rachael Warner & Rev. Erica Koser  
2020 Worship Coordinators



Loaves & Fishes serves meals every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from noon-1pm as curbside pickup. All are invited & volunteers are always needed. Please call 612-377-9810 or go to <https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/dining-sites/brooklyn-united-methodist-church/> to volunteer.

[www.loavesandfishesmn.org/dining-sites/brooklyn-united-methodist-church/](https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/dining-sites/brooklyn-united-methodist-church/) to volunteer.

### Farmer's Market

The Brooklyn Farmer's Market is returning and will be following the social distancing guidelines, including hand sanitizers and masks. The market is open from 2pm-7pm and will be in the Noble lot every Thursday through October. There will be no samplings this year.



Advertise your business here for only \$5/month!!

## Check Out Our Church App!

Access sermons, prayer requests, events and more.



1. Download Church by MinistryOne in App Store



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Sunday Worship Times:  
9:00 am & 10:45 am Facebook  
10:00 am Drive Up Outdoor & Facebook Live  
11:30 am Drive Up Outdoor & Facebook Live