

News from the



September 2020
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GUIDANCE FOR RESUMING IN-PERSON WORSHIP

It is time for us to resume in-person worship at BUMC. Over the summer our Trustees have studied the Guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health, from the United Methodist Church and studied the Covid-19 data.

They have put together a plan and we are ready to resume in-person worship at BUMC with a hybrid approach. We will continue our online and phone service worship events.

They will continue to be part of our worship offerings long after Covid-19 is no longer a threat.

We will also continue our 10am outdoor and drive-up worship experience. Our goal is to continue this worship option for as long as mother nature will allow. It is just a safe option for many to worship so find your foldable chair or drive up and tune your FM radio to 100.9 and join us. We hope to worship in this way well into October.

The change:

Our 11:30 African Contemporary Service will be moving indoors on Sunday, Sept. 13th.

Our trustees have been working hard, we have all the protocols in place, and we are ready to try in-person, indoor worship. If you are planning on attending our 11:30 in-person, indoor worship event, please read the side article about expectations of worshippers and protocols.



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If worshipping with us indoors at 11:30am Sundays...

- ◆ Pre-registration requested - <https://signup.com/go/LHrEQSJ>
- ◆ Service will be 30-45 minutes in length.
- ◆ Social distancing will be kept
- ◆ 100 people in the sanctuary maximum
- ◆ Mask wearing required of all at all times.
- ◆ Ushers will seat and dismiss
- ◆ No singing by congregation
- ◆ Health screen and registration when entering the facility.
- ◆ Families will sit as a unit but separate from other church families
- ◆ Drive-up option (FM 100.9)
- ◆ Facebook Live
- ◆ Park in the north lot (enter through the north door) and if we reach our 100 person limit you will be asked to stay in your vehicle for worship.
- ◆ All staff and Musicians must arrive early and also complete the health screening. Musicians must be 12ft apart from each other.

If you have been ill, have underlying conditions, or over the age of 70, please attend worship by Facebook, Phone or Drive-up.

Anyone upon entering who has a fever, has symptoms, or known exposure to Covid-19 will be asked to leave.

In Person worship again begins
Sunday, Sept. 13th - 11:30am only.

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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.

Pastor's Word

I read an article in the Star Tribune recently about "Co-vid Envy." As I read the article I felt like I was back in my old Abnormal Psychology class because with every symptom I read I thought to myself, I got that. Co-vid sure has us all wondering about our mental health does it not? I for one am sick of it! I'm sick of social distancing. I hate all the time I spend looking for my mask before I leave the house. I am not looking forward to my role as teacher with online learning coming my way. I worry about Bonnie heading back to school and bringing home Co-vid. I miss seeing people - nothing in particular, just running into people and talking about nothing! I really would love to go to the Twins vs. Cubs this year and spend way too much for a hot dog. I miss worship! I so wish I could make a hospital or home visit.

So as I read the article I found myself being envious of my neighbors, envious of the things they had, the things they do and then I realized something - they are probably envious of me. I realized I need to adjust my thinking again: wearing my mask means loving my neighbor. Helping my two students with their online work actually sharpens my brain and I get to spend quality time with an 18 and 16 year-old! I get to spend time with my family. I have gotten to know my neighbors better and our block has become tight! Our food pantry at church is making a difference in people's lives! Families are growing faith in their home, youth are zooming about following Christ, and on Sunday I get to participate in about 5 different worship services and worship with hundreds through BUMC's platforms. I have time to read about systemic racism and what I can do as a white person to end this pandemic in America for over 400 years.

I guess I have to realize something. My life is blessed! I have to spend some time thinking about the opportunities I have for loving God and neighbor, reaching new people, and healing a broken world instead of grumbling about social distancing and my masks not being found. If you are like me you have had a few pity parties over Covid-19, but what about counting our blessings? God is still with us, Christ is still calling us, the Spirit is still breathing life into our souls! We are still the church! My best advice - find one way each day you can love a neighbor who is struggling through Co-vid. Find one way each day to be the church.

~ Pastor Rich





Wednesdays, between 4pm-7pm
Noble Street Lot of BUMC

Come join Pastor Rich for a few minutes of prayer
Communion can also be served

Social distancing kept and masks required.
Stop by and pray with Pastor Rich

30 *days* of ANTI-RACISM

SEPTEMBER 2020		1 Pray about how God is calling you to act.	2 Draft your racial autobiography.	3 Participate in intercultural conversations.	4 Volunteer or donate in support of National Food Bank	5 Support diverse leadership.
6 Celebrate National Read-a-Book Day by purchasing an anti-racism resource.	7 Pray about how you can speak up about injustice this week.	8 Learn more about your local elections.	9 Engage in the difficult conversation.	10 Learn greetings and phrases in another language.	11 Be willing to be in the minority.	12 Support a local Black-owned business.
13 Listen to a preacher from a different cultural background than your own.	14 Plan to participate in an anti-racism demonstration.	15 Commit to continued learning in celebration of National Online Learning Day.	16 Engage in local community organizing.	17 Recognize racism in your community.	18 Find a mentor who is from a different cultural background than your own.	19 Learn about Hispanic Heritage Month.
20 Send your tithe or offering to a Black church.	21 Engage with and invest in young leaders dedicated to anti-racism work.	22 Celebrate National Voter Registration Day by registering to vote and helping another person to register.	23 Encourage an activist.	24 Support Black artists and musicians.	25 Amplify the voices of People of Color by inviting them as speakers at worship and other events.	26 Watch a documentary film or series about anti-racism.
27 Pray about how God is calling you to be more anti-racist.	28 Support non-profits engaged in the work of anti-racism.	29 Examine your implicit biases.	30 Commit to continuing the work of anti-racism in honor of National Love People Day.	<div><div>RELIGION & RACE The United Methodist Church www.gcorr.org</div></div>		
#30DaysAntiRacism						

BUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Linda Browning, Director

As we look at trying one indoor service at 11:30 am on Sundays, we have no plans on adding Nursery, Pre-K or K-Grade 5 Sunday classes at

this time. Because of this, I would like to announce some proposed changes to the Wednesday/Sunday online offerings.

We have been using F@ith@home for Families on Wednesdays to learn the steps of the Faith5 process for building communication, better relationships and a firm faith foundation in the family. Sundays we work through the whole Faith5 process for a deeper look at the Sunday morning message and scripture. We went live on Zoom on Sundays to encourage the participation of our families and then would offer it on Facebook Live for those who wanted to watch and listen. After 4 weeks of Zoom opportunities with NO participation, I am now only doing Sunday evenings on Facebook. Join me at 6 PM Sundays and Wednesdays on the African Contemporary Worship Facebook page. The sessions are geared for families with kids from 3 years to 5th/6th grade but anyone is welcome to learn to use Faith5. If you want a copy of the book, let me know.

We were done with the Wednesday night Faith5 sessions on September 2nd and will continue to build Faith5 into the lessons from our Christ in Crisis series. I am looking at producing Wednesday night kids' sessions in a new format building in graphics and embedded videos. Sundays we will continue using Faith5 to look at the Sunday morning message/scripture.

When the church rolls out the first Financial Peace University classes in October, I will be offering a kid's program called The Great Money Adventure. I'm also planning for Advent and Christmas. What I really need is word from families on what they are interested in watching and participating in. **I also want to know what information and resources you need from Children and Family Ministry as we continue operating in these pandemic conditions. BUMC needs to use its resources on relevant, meaningful and valued activities and support for families.** Please add an email and address to your information in Simple Church so you can get information from BUMC—just send to me and I will input! Tell others who might be interested in what we offer and connect them with me, please.

I will be present at outdoor and indoor services with activity packets for kids 3 years old through 5th Grade. I also have Bibles for kids who finished 3rd Grade this year. Because of my risk factors, I am always masked and usually gloved and must social distance from these kids that I would really like to hug—but can't! I love them and miss them all!

Youth Ministry

By Mim Campbell, Director

**Questions? Contact Mim Campbell
(612) 791-3969 mim @ bumc.org**



FaithTrek is BUMC's program for 6th - 12 graders as they strive to see their lives through God's eyes and gain "strength" for their daily journeys.

6th - 12th graders will be receiving Invitations (through the mail) to join this journey. As they register or renew their intent, FaithTrek shirts and water bottles will be available.

***Just Sayin'* is a weekly opportunity for youth to share their thoughts and relevant topics. It is already in progress. Please feel free to join in on Monday nights at 8PM. Contact Mim for more info.**



We are making plans to begin weekly on-line Confirmation classes via the Zoom app online later this fall.

A special letter to 6th graders will be going out in September inviting them to join 7-8th grader youth in enriching their faith as they discover what it means to be a United Methodist. Please complete the registration form enclosed with the letter to indicate your interest.

All 9th graders will be invited to attend an online class as they prepare to be confirmed and become official members of the United Methodist Church later in the year.

How are you Worshipping with us?



Easiest way to worship with BUMC?

Dial from any phone...
877-447-2862

You can call any time to listen to our Sunday message or simply follow the prompts and you will receive a phone call every Sunday morning at 10am and you can listen to worship.



On Our Facebook Platforms

9am BUMC—Brooklyn United Methodist Church - message by a Pastor
10am BUMC—Brooklyn United Methodist Church live posting of Drive-up Service
11:30am African Contemporary Worship of Brooklyn United Methodist Church live posting of Drive-up Service
You may also after Sunday morning go to our website (bumc.org) and watch worship through our YouTube channel.

Is there such a thing as **Financial Peace**? According to Dave Ramsey, we can all achieve this peace by working his 7-step process. Budgeting, paying off debt & saving for the future are just a few of these steps for success. In order to understand how many of you are interested in achieving Financial Peace with our 6-week program, please fill out the survey below and mail to the church **by September 15**. Or send Mindy (admin@bumc.org) a quick email if interested. This program is sponsored by our Stewardship Team.



➤ FinancialPeace ➤ EveryDollar ➤ BabySteps

Seeking Financial Peace

1 Corinthians 16:2 – “On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.”

Starting the week of October 5th, BUMC will be rolling out **Financial Peace**, a training program developed by Dave Ramsey Solutions that has helped millions of people improve their financial situation. We will learn to apply a series of principles to lower debts and increase wealth. Informative videos will be followed by discussion and support. Below is a link to a short video that discusses some of the basics of the program:

<https://www.financialpeace.com/courses/jump-start/lessons/the-enemy-of-wealth>

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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 (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)

It does not matter where you are in life, this process will help you if you are ready to commit to becoming healthier financially.

Financial Peace will help us meet the imperatives that John Wesley provided to:

- Earn all you can
- Save all you can
- Give all you can

As we plan for this amazing program, please let us know if you are interested by marking one of the following:

- ☐ Yes, I would like to participate in Financial Peace in small classes at the church.
- ☐ Yes, I would like to participate in Financial Peace in a virtual environment
- ☐ Yes, I am interested but I would like to hear more about the program. Please contact me at: _____
- ☐ I am not interested in the program at this time but possibly in the future

Thank you for your time. We hope to help you reach financial health!

Your Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

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!

Covid-19 has changed us, it has changed our lives, it has changed how we can be church. Going back to "normal" is something that is not going to happen. How we live our lives, how we do church, all things have changed and we need to discover new ways to do important things, like Christian Education and faith formation. How do we teach the faith in a post Covid-19 world? We do not know when we will be able to gather again and have "Sunday School" but we are still entrusted with teaching the faith. So at BUMC we are shifting our focus into making the home the primary teacher of the faith, and the church, will reinforce every home in this most important task of teaching the faith to every generation.

What we ask is that your household, your home, one person or 6, full of kids, a teenager or two, or an empty nesters, or a community of neighbors from across the hall, whatever your home looks like to take 10 minutes a day with our Faith5. Can you find 10 minutes a day, everyday, to grow your faith?



CARE MINISTRIES

Mim Campbell,
Pastoral Care

Even though we're all on our own roller coaster of daily "up and downs," we have a common vulnerability to and awareness of the challenges associated with Covid-19. It's almost as if we're all on a different ride in the same theme park!

We all have a different version of the challenges it has brought. For some, it's been adapting to government authority and mandates, unemployment and financial uncertainties, health risks and actual Co-vid symptoms; for others it's meant lifestyle changes and feelings of loneliness and isolation.

Without a plan or desire to live within this reality, we are all striving to make sense of these days and sustain hope for better ones to come.

In doing so, I'd like to give you a little strength for your journey.

"Keep your eyes on *Jesus*, who both began and finished this race we're in. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed, he could put up with anything along the way." Hebrews 12: 1-2



Prayers of the People

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

For comfort and healing, health and strength: Pastor Howie - dealing with several life threatening challenges @ the U of M; Paul and Lulu Myers - recovering from Covid @ home; Dan McDowell's father - now in hospice care; Bev Lawrence - regaining strength with a hip replacement; Mim Campbell - radiation for breast cancer; Karen and Jim Hoffner's daughter, Jenny, moving through Chemo treatment; Judy Bonnell - physical therapy as she regains strength with a shoulder replacement; Wendell Garnhart - recovery @ home with a full shoulder replacement & rotator cuff repair; Sherry Lindner - recovery @ home; Donna Graving - recovery @ home. Dottie Martinson - the loss of her brother, Orv

Please watch for weekly updates in the BUMC announcement sheet emailed weekly.

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.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

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.

For the first 2 weeks of September we are supporting our Conference's **Love Offering**. The funds will go to four projects: Simpson Housing Services (40 percent), Emma Norton Services (40 percent), Joyce Uptown Foodshelf (10 percent), and the Committee on Native American Ministry Diaper Drive (10 percent).

For the last 2 weeks of September we will collect for **Sager Brown** and support the work they are doing which is probably focused on the hurricane areas that have been hit hard these past few months.



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Sunday Worship Times:

9:00 am on Facebook

10:00 am Drive Up Outdoor & Facebook Live (BUMC page)

11:30 am In Person & Facebook Live (African Contemporary page)