



VOYAGEUR

August 2020

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you again for your patience during this challenging time. Many of you may know that two members of our church family have had COVID 19. This comes at a time when we have daily news of COVID 19 cases spiking in Bemidji. The church office will continue to be closed to the public and staff will continue to work from home as much as possible. If you need to reach any of us, please feel free to call or text us on our cell phones. Karen is attaching the numbers of office staff at the bottom of this letter. We will continue with worship online. Your church council has met and decided not to resume in person worship until it is more safe for us to gather.

I had planned on having outdoor gatherings of the church family this summer. But even this has inherent risk for most of the congregation until COVID cases decrease. This has been difficult for me as well. I look forward to a time when we can gather again in-person, but it is not yet that time.

What I am starting this month will have substantially less risk. We have not had a church directory for over five years, and it's time to do an update. For a variety of reasons, we will not be using an outside organization for doing our photos this time. Before the pandemic, several people expressed reluctance about having their photos taken for a directory because of the pressured sales that often accompany having them taken professionally. What I really hope for is to have as many photos of people in our church directory as possible, and for us to be able to send and update it electronically. We will also have the option to print booklets.

While I am not a professional photographer, I believe I can take a decent photo. I would like to take your photo for the directory. This will also give us the opportunity to have in-person conversation. We will use appropriate physical distancing, and wear masks. The amount of time you remove your mask for the actual photo will be quite short. You can be sure that I will not be trying to sell you a photo! You will have final approval and access to the photo.

Deborah Davis will be coordinating times for having your photo taken. You can contact her directly to schedule a time. Her phone number is (218) 214-3581. This project will take some time, and I will build in flexibility into the schedule. I would like to be able to publish the directory sometime this fall-- perhaps as part of Thanksgiving.

This season of our lives is awkward. Among the gifts I thank God for is the gift of being able to be your pastor. This has also been a season of learning new and different ways to be in community together. May our efforts bear fruit in your life-- and may we experience God's love and grace in our sharing.

Pastor Rob

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August Birthdays

August 02- Pam Stowe
August 03- Teresa Thomas
August 04- Roy Miller
August 04- Grace Stowe
August 07- John Holmstrom
August 12- Gerry Manley
August 17- Corrin Frenzel
August 22- John Robinson
August 23- James Hess
August 23- Jessica Pickett
August 25- Judy Dvorak
August 28- Vic Mosser
August 29- Mary Lou Brown
August 30- Devin Danielson

If we've missed a birthday,
please call the office and
let us know. ☺



JUST A REMINDER....

Articles for the August Newsletter are due in to
Karen no later than

9:00am on Tuesday, September 15, 2020

You may text, email or call her at

(218) 766-9700

Happy Anniversary

August 05- Jim and Betty Howard
August 10- Graig and Carol Gilbertson
August 10- Don and Bev Leet
August 12- John and Sandra Robinson
August 17- Larry and Sue Young
August 20th- George and Pam Stowe



If we missed an Anniversary on the list, please
contact Karen in the office.

...at Neilson Place: Nelle May and Jean Slinkman
...at Trillium: Judy Comstock
...at Windsong: Wag Collins, Bert Clark, Dotty Naramore
...at Baker Park: Kathleen Magsam
...at Havenwood Care Center: Patty Boyer, Mary
Conner, Vern Ditty and Betty Howard
...at Goldpine: Marjory Beck, Laura Hays, Ruby
Hausauer, Dorothy Baxter, Helen LeClaire
...Noli who just turned "1" July 23rd and her family
...Maury Sullivan and family for the loss of his wife Lorna
on July 22nd. No Memorial Service is planned at
this time
...Bob Ballard for continued good health
...BUMC members, to get through COVID and be
able to worship together soon
...The family of Margaret Skinner who
held her funeral July 27, 2020



Don't forget MN Governor Tim Walz
mandated masks indoors across
Minnesota. If you must come into the
church, please mask up to keep staff
members safe who periodically have to
come in. There is hand sanitizer

available as you
come in the door.
**MASK UP
MINNESOTA!**



Offerings and Misc. Received for July 2020

General Offering.....	July 06,2020	\$3,060.00
	July 21,2020	\$6,325.00

On-line Giving.....	\$1,275.00
for July	

Have you heard the new Baby Grand being played by Leisa Bragg on Sunday mornings? Ah.....the beautiful sound of hymns at BUMC!



UMC Spotlight

Community Table



Dawn Dahl



Meet Dawn Dahl (l) and Ann Campbell (r)
Both of these ladies volunteer for The Community Table at BUMC. We thank both of you for your time and talent. Ann is a retired Librarian at Northwest Technical College in Bemidji. She's also quite the cook and has some training in that area. Dawn Dahl teaches English at BSU and ESL (English as a Second Language) at NTC. There are an average of 90 meals served per night. They have frequently exceeded 100 this summer during COVID. To accommodate for the pandemic, brown bag meals are served outside on a table starting around 4:30 on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.
All are welcome!!

Ann Campbell



August

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United Methodist Church Bemidji

Looking Ahead.....Labor Day, Monday September 7, 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:15-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Michelle 10:30-Worship	3	4 6:30-Trustees Meeting	5 3:00 Staff Meeting at church 5:00-Comm. Table	6 1:00- Virtual Coffee On Zoom	7	8
9 10:15-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Michelle 10:30-Worship	10	11	12 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:00-Comm. Table	13 1:00- Virtual Coffee On Zoom 4:00-SPRC 5:00-Comm. Table	14	15
16 10:15-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Michelle 10:30-Worship	17 Glenn Seibel Recording 10:30am -1:00pm (PRIVATE)	18	19 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:00-Comm. Table	20 1:00- Virtual Coffee On Zoom 1:30-Finance Mtg. 5:00-Comm. Table	21	22
23 10:15-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Michelle 10:30-Worship	24	25	26 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:00-Comm. Table	27 1:00- Virtual Coffee On Zoom 2:00 Stamping 5:00-Comm. Table 6:00-Church Council	28	29
30 10:15-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Michelle 10:30-Worship	31					

Hello from Members and Friends!

The Morris' here. We are having a busy summer. We are doing some remodeling on our house - new siding, some new windows, addition of a 4 season sun room/greenhouse on the south side, remodel of attached garage into a "won't need to climb the stairs" bedroom. LeRoy and a friend are working on it and we have a contractor that will be coming later to do what we can't. I am gardening, and trying my hand at selling produce out of the garden. Not much business yet, but I'm thinking that later produce sells better than the earlier items. It's interesting, and I'm enjoying the time outside, mostly weeding! Heat, humidity, and now frequent rains that keep the garden well watered, but a bit too wet to work in have hampered the fun.

We have not been good at staying home, better at physical distancing. We go to town to eat out, purchase groceries, building supplies, etc. But, even though we do get out, every now and then I long for more. I want to go somewhere. I know, what I am longing for is to visit with friends, church members, and acquaintances. We get a little of that, but not enough. Missing you all!

~~ *Diane and LeRoy Morris*

Hi!! This sounds like a fun way to keep up on folks!! Our daughter & all 3 granddaughters will be here tonight for a weeks stay!! Haven't seen them since the 2nd oldest graduated from high school 2 years ago - so are really getting excited!! Been busy learning how to garden in rocks, waiting to see what was coming up b/4 planting new. Our house on the lake had gardens on the North & East sides of the house. Our place at the Meadows looks East - at the beautiful lawn & pond. I got a gorgeous shrub to put on the lawn & the deer came in one night & ate every blossom!!! A neighbor gave me a bar of Irish Spring & said shave up 1/2 the bar & put around the bush. I did this twice & it's got new leaves!! Then this week, many of us had visits from nasty gophers!! I had just dug up all the weeds in the shade flowers (rocks, rocks, rocks!) & the most beautiful perennial I have had just opened up. The gopher chopped off ALL but 1 stem of the flowers!! We weren't the only one's they hit. The Assoc. hired a pest control fellow!! He set out cages & caught 5 gophers in 2 days. Then reset the traps & the next night we had another gopher & squirrel. Yesterday we found a baby gopher in 1 trap. Grr!!

We live right next door to Vince & Betty Freborg! They are great neighbors & have helped us a lot! I grew up in the Presb. Church in Bemidji, so have known Gloria Phelps through both church, choir, & Jobs Daughters. If I have questions, she gets a call! We're slowly getting to meet folks on BOTH sides of the pond, & everyone is anxious to be able to gather soon.

I've been without my computer since we moved in in October. Finally have computer & printer hooked up, but computer doesn't come with any directions! So I'm hoping to get some while the girls are here!! Maybe they'll even teach me how to ZOOM!! Hope to get back to Swedish class, cuz they're on ZOOM & are WAY ahead of me!!

Tim & I have trying to stay active by going for walks & bike rides around here & at Diamond Pt., around Lake Bemidji, & at the State Park. Hope all of you are finding ways to co-exist with this epidemic & that we'll soon have an inoculation to protect us!!

~~ *Tim & Judy Dvorak*

I have really been able to keep fairly busy during this "different" time! I paint pictures using oils, water colors and acrylics. I make cards w/stamping and have a Cricut machine that cuts things out and the possibilities are endless! I also started doing some paint pouring—this can be done on glass (vases) or on a canvas. You get very different and neat effects. Right now I have been working on moving some plants from one bed to another and have a wonderful friend that is helping w/that. I put off cleaning as much as possible as that isn't as much fun as the crafts!!!☺. I hope everyone is doing ok and able to keep occupied. I really do miss seeing my church family and look forward to being together again—whenever that is safe. Everyone take care!!!

~~ *Jan Grimm*

The time during the pandemic has been full of mixed emotions for me as I'm sure it has been for many others. It has allowed me to slow down and spend time exploring mindfulness more fully, deepen my connection with Dave and grow in my faith. During March, April and May, I continued my full time employment as a teacher, but from my home. There are many things I learned during this time and challenges that I faced. I was very grateful for the support of my administration and wonderful co-workers, both in my teaching and for my mental health. Summer brought a change of schedule as I continue to work on a part time basis to support the children and families on my caseload. I have kept myself busy during isolation by reading and listening to books on the cloud library, taking walks with Dave, riding my bike, baking, knitting, watching movies and enjoying sunsets at the cabin. As of today I have knit 5 full size prayer shawls and two small (baby) shawls. If you know someone who could use a prayer shawl, I have plenty! I have found that knitting prayer shawls has been very therapeutic and has helped control my anxieties during this challenging time! Keeping connected with families and friends via "zoom" has been a real blessing for me as well.

Stay safe! ~~ *Blessings, Angie Dahlberg*

More News From BUMC Friends and Family!

Deborah Davis sent out emails asking how everyone is doing during this Pandemic. I think most of us agree socialization is missed. We all miss seeing each other! What better way to communicate than by telling us what you've been up to. Emails can be sent to: msdeborahdavis@yahoo.com

"I am back home from the Mayo Clinic after two heart surgeries. All went smoothly and I am "fit as a Fiddle! So, please remove my name from the "hospital list".

~~ Fulton Gallagher ** (Glad to hear those prayers worked Fulton!)

Hi. What a great idea. I read, puzzle and scrap/crazy quilt a lot. Even made a tote. Sorted out and got rid of more stuff. Today I made bacon jelly from the In Bemidji Summer 2020 addition. Delicious, helps that I love bacon. Off for a week at a lake to celebrate our 60 anniversary with most of the family. Ya, 60 years 😊😊😊😊😊😊 Life has changed and praise God it's wonderful. I truly miss you all.

~~ Carol and Robert Rieke

Bob and I have been managing pretty well. We have enough to keep busy around the house, and Bob has found outside projects that have needed fixing up or needed to be replaced. I have also been busy going thru my boxes of pictures and making sense out of Christmas notes and family school pictures of relatives. During the early months of March and April, I worked on jig saw puzzles. We even framed one for our guest bedroom wall. I have really appreciated social media like Facebook for catching up with family and friends. It has also been a blessing to participate in worship at several churches besides our own. We are so glad that we can safely get our groceries, and now begin to have personal services of hair cuts, and the availability of dentists and eye doctor appointments! We miss eating out, but it has been a good excuse to try out new recipes. Family favorite muffin recipes have been a popular weekend routine. We realize that we have much to be grateful for. On those low days, we try to keep things in perspective. We are so blessed to be living in Bemidji, where we can freely take a walk along the lake, and listen to the birds!

~~Bob and Carolyn Ballard

UMC Stamp Club

Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm until 5:30pm
(Once A Month)

Dates in 2020

August 27
September 24
October 22
December 3

Dates in 2021

January 28
February 25
March 25
April 22
May 27
June 24
July 22
August 26
September 23



**Bemidji Area
Church Musicians
(BACM)**



Have you enjoyed the 2020 Summer Virtual Recital Series? August is here and you still have time to watch the final scheduled recitals.

The virtual concert will be held from noon to 12:30 pm each Wednesday, concluding August 26th. The concerts may be viewed on the Bemidji Area Church Musicians Facebook page or their YouTube channel.

The series in August features Glenn Seibel on Euphonium and Baritone. Leisa Bragg, pianist for UMC, will be accompanying Glenn with the new Baby Grand Piano.

PLEASE NOTE: GLENN AND LEISA WILL BE RECORDING GLENN'S SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020 FROM 10:30am – 1:00pm. Please refrain from being in the church on this date and time they record.

You will see the recording two days later on August 19, 2020. Again, look for the Bemidji Area Church Musicians page on YouTube and Facebook.

Aug. 5: Cheryl Durant on piano, Traci Schanke on soprano and Annalise Aakhus on mezzo-soprano for New Salem Lutheran Church.

Aug. 12: Jennifer (Paquette) Ellis on piano and folk harp for Calvary Lutheran Church.

Aug. 19: Glenn Seibel on Euphonium and Baritone. Leisa Bragg on piano for United Methodist Church.

Aug. 26: Sarah Carlson on organ for First Lutheran Church.

Bemidji Area Church Musicians has never charged for the concerts. However, donations can be made online through their Facebook page or by sending a check to: **BACM, 701 31st St. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601**

TAKEN FROM BACM WEBSITE



Smile! ☺ We need your picture!

If you missed Pastor Rob's letter on page one, we'd like to have as many photos of people in our new church directory as possible. We also have the option to print booklets and update phone numbers and addresses. Deborah Davis is making appointments every 15 minutes Wednesday and Thursday, August 5th and 6th. We will start with these two dates and go from there. This is a no pressure, no high sales photo shoot with our own photographer Pastor Rob Kopp. You may submit a photo as well as long as it's current.

Deborah Davis is making the appointments and you may have already heard from her. Please feel free to call her and schedule a sitting.

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Welcome to August

**100 Happy 100th Birthday
Ruby Hausauer!**

Helen LeClaire sent in a photo July 20th of her friend Ruby Hausauer getting hand massages from a staff member. Miss Ruby walks without a cane or assistance. She and her husband were quite active at BUMC.

Every Sunday, Helen watches Pastor Rob and Michelle on her iPad and managed to have someone take this picture of the two. Helen then offered to send the photo from her cell phone to the church.

WE ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN! God is good. Amazing! Happy "100 years" Ruby!



open hearts
open minds
open doors



The People of the United Methodist Church

Church Staff

Reverend Rob Kopp
Pastor

Karen Thompson "Bubbles"
Office Administration

Deborah Davis
Volunteer & Events Coordinator

Trustees
Custodial

Leisa Bragg
Accompanist

Chancel Choir Director