



VOYAGEUR November 2020

Dear Church Family,

When we first entered this season of COVID-19, we were also in the season of Lent. In some ways it feels like we are still in Lent, awaiting an Easter which seems even farther away.

What's more, we are now in the season leading up to Advent. Our days are getting colder and shorter. It is less possible to visit with each other out of doors. COVID cases are on the rise in Beltrami County. Many people are worried about our nation; many are concerned for the welfare of people of color. Overall, it paints a pretty bleak picture.

I'm sharing this with you to name where we are at, not to make life seem any more difficult and depressing. It describes at least some of what we are experiencing in current time, doesn't it? None of us have a memory of anything quite like this. It's been a hundred years.

While we don't have individual memories of anything quite like this, we do share in collective memories of times such as these, and so did Jesus.

Each year Jesus celebrated the Passover seder meal. Along with Jewish people, we also are inheritors of this sacred memory. "Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you." (Deuteronomy 15:15a) Like Jesus, our spiritual ancestors wandered in the wilderness for forty years. Soon after escaping from Egypt, they longed for the days when they were slaves, because it was familiar, and because they knew there would be food. It took a generation to receive what had been promised to them by God through Moses. How did they live through such a time?

Collective memory *is* sacred. We are people who carry that memory, and we are people who live that memory. Each time we gather at Christ's Table, we remember that we were once slaves in Egypt *as if* we were there. Each time we gather at Christ's table, we remember Jesus' resurrection *as if* we meet the resurrected Christ along with his first disciples. God made a promise to be with us (a covenant), so we can be sure God is with us during this time in our lives. And it is good news-- it was so yesterday, it is so today, and it will be tomorrow. God will never forget us.

During this time, I hope and pray we will use every means available to us to collectively remember and remind each other of the promise God is making with us, even in our most difficult hours. What is difficult for us as individuals, God makes available through the collective community we are. God holds sacred memory *with* us, and we hold sacred memory *with* each other.

So, friends, remember *who* you are, and remember *whose* you are.

Shalom,

Pastor Rob

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 01- Ben Stowe
Nov. 04- George Stowe
Nov. 06- Dawson Kimble
Nov. 07- Emilie Jessen
Nov. 07- Lois Jessen
Nov. 08- Tom Dvorak
Nov. 11- Seth Knudson
Nov. 14- Graig Gilbertson
Nov. 14- Don Leet
Nov. 17- Dave Dahlberg
Nov. 17- Evan Hazard
Nov. 17- Shirley Simmerman
Nov. 18- Joyce Holmstrom
Nov. 20- Ruth Larson

TO ALL THOSE BORN IN
NOVEMBER
Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Gunard and Virginia Youngdahl
(Nov. 08, 1963) - 57 years

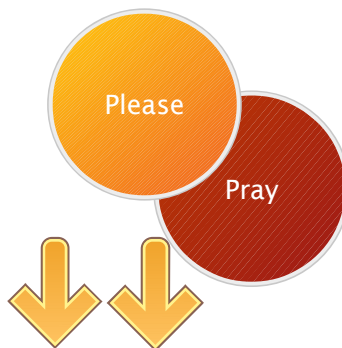
If an Anniversary was missed on the list,
please contact Karen in the office.

JUST A REMINDER....

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

9:00am on Monday, November 16, 2020

You may text, email or call her at
(218) 766-9700



Prayer Requests

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my
God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all
of you with joy Philippians 1:3-4 (NLT)

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...at Neilson Place: Jean Slinkman

...at Trillium: Judy Comstock

...at Windsong: Wag Collins, Bert Clark, Dotty Naramore
and Evan Hazard

...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, Helen LeClaire

...at BirchHaven Village: Betty Brooks

...Noli and family

...For all the volunteers giving of their time during COVID

...BUMC members, to get through COVID and
be able to worship together soon

...those recovering from surgery

...for the family of Johnathan "John" Brandenburg who
passed suddenly of natural causes and was the
housemate of Kendall Dahlberg

...for peace as our nation heads into the
General Election

...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers



From Jack and Sharon Israelson

Members of Bemidji United Methodist Church for 59
years. They celebrated 70 years of marriage on
June 23, 2020. They wanted to share this:

"During COVID, we have pretty much
stayed at home. Every day that we wake
up is a bonus! We do try to walk a mile
every day. God Is Good."

Offerings and Misc. Received for October 2020

General Offering.....	October 1, 2020	\$3,121.17
	October 15, 2020	\$3,346.00
	October 27, 2020	\$4,792.00



On-line Giving.....\$1,460.00
for October

November

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United Methodist Church



All Saints Day- November 1, 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>10:15-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Pastor Michelle</p> <p>10:30-Worship</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS</p>		<p></p> <p>Election Day</p>	<p>1:00 -Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00- Community Table</p> <p>6:30- Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>5:00- Community Table</p> <p>5:30-Virtual Coffee on Zoom</p>		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>10:15-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Pastor Michelle</p> <p>10:30-Worship</p>			<p>1:00 -Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00- Community Table</p> <p>VETERANS' DAY</p>	<p>1:30-Virtual Coffee on Zoom</p> <p>4:00- SPRC</p> <p>5:00- Community Table</p>		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>10:15-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Pastor Michelle</p> <p>10:30-Worship</p>			<p>1:00 -Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00- Community Table</p>	<p>1:30-Finance Meeting</p> <p>5:00- Community Table</p> <p>5:30-Virtual Coffee on Zoom</p>		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>10:15-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Pastor Michelle</p> <p>10:30-Worship</p> <p>Small Charge Conference</p>			<p>1:00 -Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00- Community Table</p>	<p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</p>		
29	30					
<p>10:15-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Pastor Michelle</p> <p>10:30-Worship</p> <p>First Sunday in Advent</p>						

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Thank You For All You Do



Thank You Thursday night crew at Bemidji Community Table. (l to r) Meagan Vancamp, Kari Lewis and Angie Scripture. These ladies work all day and then help by serving a meal, at night. We appreciate you!

Community Table will not be serving on Thanksgiving Day so that our volunteers may be with their family. A "Thanksgiving menu" will be served Wednesday, November 25, 2020.



Fulton Gallagher



Linda Wagner



Leisa Bragg

Linda Wagner and Fulton Gallagher have kept the organ pipes working during COVID. Accompanist Leisa Bragg is enjoying the 2 new instruments; Baby Grand Piano and the Clavinova (electronic keyboard.) You can hear Leisa playing Sunday mornings during on-line worship service.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.
In Everything Give Thanks!



**10:15- Live Coffee Time
10:30- Worship on Facebook
12:00 noon- YouTube Playback**

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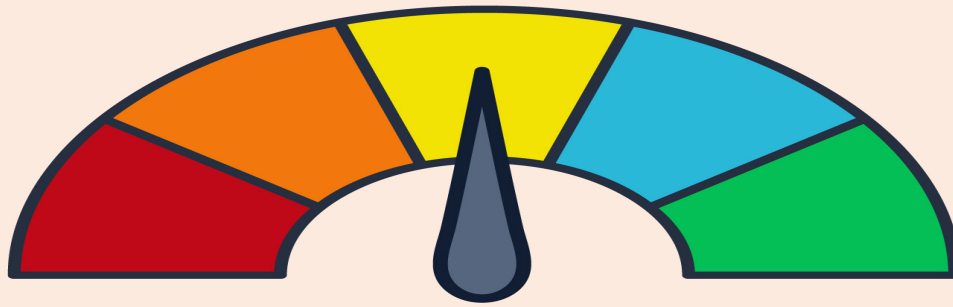
Thank you to those that filled Halloween Treat Bags which were distributed during Bemidji Community Table. A big thanks also, to those of you that contributed money towards the candy fund. George Stowe and Jane Killgore, thank you for working with Deborah Davis on this project.



**Jan Grimm
Sue Young
Kristi St. Pierre
Terry Thomas**

COVID UPDATE FOR BUMC

Current Phase: Yellow



During the last seven months of the pandemic, we've all made personal choices – who we socialize with, how we gather with friends and loved ones and where we go. Those are our choices and we hope in doing so we don't harm those around us.

On and in church property, those choices become the responsibility of the Trustees. Gatherings of two or more need to be approved by this group of dedicated and caring church members. For example, volunteers for Community Table are in our Fellowship Hall kitchen every week preparing meals for their guests. The meals are take-out and the volunteers are masked and practicing good physical distancing.

As you know (and can see in the chart below), our numbers are rising dramatically in Beltrami County. If someone were to contract COVID due to an experience at our church, it affects our whole church body not just the person or persons hosting the event. We want to continue to be known as a welcoming and loving church not the church that hosted a secret, super-spreader event. We stay apart now so that when we get together again, no one is missing.

If you would like to use the church building during the pandemic, please contact:

Bob Ballard, Co-Chair Trustees
Seth Knudson, Co-Chair Trustees (218) 760-0365
Rev. Rob Kopp

Thank you to Kari Knudson for compiling another MAC/DOE Chart for Reopening BUMC!

October 7, 2020 there were 557 confirmed cases of Covid in Beltrami County. As we prepare to print the November Voyageur, Beltrami County reported **838** confirmed cases.

Beltrami County's 14 day average case rate per 10,000 people, increased from 40.33 to 49.66. We will continue to watch the numbers and comply with The Conference and Bishop Ough. The chart Kari Knudson compiled is enclosed on the next page of the newsletter.

STAY SAFE MN AT-HOME COVID TESTING

The Minnesota Department of Health is now offering free at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for people who believe they need to be tested, with or without systems. Residents living in Beltrami County and the Red Lake Nation are eligible. Contact MDH for additional information or visit their website to request a test.

m DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

For more information, visit health.mn.gov.
HOTLINE: 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3902



Beltrami County (pop. 47,000) Community Spread

While any increase in case incidence represents greater potential risk, we should consider a bi-weekly case rate of 10 or more cases per 10,000 to be an elevated risk of disease transmission within the local community, especially when the level of cases per week is sustained or increasing over time.

Date	# of cases in county on that date	# of new cases in past 14 days	14-day county case level rate per 10,000 **
July 1	27	4	.42
July 8	34	9	1.9
July 15	58	31	6.56
July 22	113	79	16.73
July 29	157	99	21.00
August 5	200	87	18.43
August 12	241	84	17.80
August 19	279	79	16.73
August 26	301	60	12.71
September 2	321	42	8.9
September 9	337	36	7.66
September 16	356	35	7.44
September 23	380	43	9.15
September 30	460	80	17.02
October 7	557	177	37.65

****14-day county case level rate per 10,000** = Total number of cases for 14 days ÷ County Population/10,000

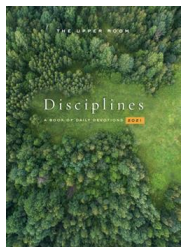
These recommendations are a hybrid of the Minnesota Annual Conference and the Minnesota Department of Education.

Number of Cases per 10,000 over 14 days in Beltrami County	Church Activities Allowed
30+ State order for all people to shelter at home, with only essential businesses permitted to open	No in person worship, meetings, or ceremonies
15-29 Businesses can open with some restrictions. People are still encouraged to limit movement to essential needs and remote work is still urged	Some essential meetings can occur but continued virtual worship and meetings.
11-14 Some restrictions for businesses and gatherings are still in place	Meetings, including committee and studies, with proper social can take place. Preferably outside or virtual. Worship continues virtually.
6-10 - sustained for four weeks in a row Somewhat larger gatherings can take place with capacity restrictions and physical distancing requirements	More small groups and continued virtual worship with a limited in person worship option. Restrictions include: physical distancing, no singing, corporate readings or prayers and capacity.
0-5 – sustained for four weeks in a row There are no limitations on group size	Continue the good social and health habits we've developed during the pandemic.

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The Upper Room Disciplines 2021 : A Book of Daily Devotions

The Church Office has about 15 copies of the 2021 Disciples Daily Devotions Book. They've already been paid for by the church, but if you would like to make a donation, they cost approximately \$12.00. Please email the church if you would like a copy mailed to you.

Attn: Karen or Deborah, umcbji@paulbunyan.net

Or leave a message on the Church Office Phone. (218) 751-3503

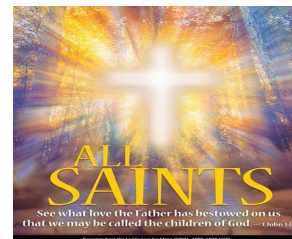
Advent Wreaths will be available to order from local wreath maker, Rick Northrup. These will be \$22 each and will be used in an upcoming worship service. More info. to follow. The picture features cut pieces of Birch that could hold four candles.



We celebrate All Saint's Day Sunday, November 1, 2020. Please remember those we have lost and their families from November 2019 through October 31, 2020.

January 6, 2020- Wanda Arenz
February 1, 2020- Dorothy Sathre
March 12, 2020- Lois Statton
April 7, 2020- Margaret Skinner
April 28, 2020- Gale Brooks

July 22, 2020- Lorna Sullivan
August 10, 2020- Marie King
August 15, 2020- Dorothy Baxter
August 19, 2020- Nelle May
September 29, 2020- Verna Norden



open hearts
open minds
open doors



The People of the United Methodist Church

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Reverend Rob Kopp
Pastor

Karen Thompson "Bubbles"
Office Administration

Deborah Davis
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Chancel Choir Director-