

BEMIDJI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

10:00 AM – 2:00PM (M – F)

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February Birthdays

- 01 – Arlys Frazey
- 03 – Jenny Frenzel
- 04 – Henry Bellefy
- 04 – Beverly Leet
- 05 – Shaaron Israelson
- 08 – Maurice Sullivan
- 09 – Wag Collins
- 10 – Rita Albrecht
- 10 – Sharon Ruberg
- 12 – Angie Dahlberg
- 14 – Ian Hess
- 15 – Barb Pommerening
- 15 – Bruno Porro
- 16 – John Herath
- 17 – Velma Wesloh
- 18 – Beverly Bryant
- 18 – Betty Brooks
- 23 – Lee Ann Hess
- 23 – Verna Lofberg
- 23 – Becky Lueben
- 25 – Justin St. Pierre



- ...at Neilson Place: Jean Slinkman
- ...at Trillium: Judy Comstock
- ...at Windsong: Wag Collins, Bert Clark, Dotty Naramore and Evan Hazard
- ...at home with her daughter, Kathleen Magsam
- ...at Havenwood Care Center: Patty Boyer, Mary Conner, and Betty Howard
- ...at Goldpine: Laura Hays, Ruby Hausauer, Helen LeClaire
- ...at BirchHaven Village: Betty Brooks
- ...Noli and family
- ...For those members recovering from COVID and those waiting to receive the vaccine.
- ...If you have prayer requests, please email them to the office and they'll be read at the next on-line service. It is not necessary to provide a lot of detail. The first name and first letter of the last name would suffice if you are concerned about privacy.



Offerings and Misc. Received for January 2021

General Offering....	January 12, 2021	\$2,885.00
	January 26, 2021	\$1,860.00

On-line Giving for January \$1,664.10

Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021

The Season of Lent



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
October 14	657	197	41.91
October 21	797	240	51.06
October 28	914	257	54
November 4	1034	237	50.42
November 11	1284	370	78.72
November 18	1584	550	117
November 25	1904	620	132
December 2	2235	651	138
December 9	2435 *	531	112
December 16	2639	404	86
December 23	2796	361	76.8
December 30	2854	215	45.74
January 6	2939	143	30.42
January 13	3026	172	36.6
January 20	3103	164	34.89
January 27	3166	140	29.78

****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.

14-day county case level rate per 10,000



Giving Options



"It's important to remember that just because the building is closed doesn't mean that the church is closed," says Ken Sloane, director of Stewardship and Generosity, Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church. "Ministry is led by leaders, clergy and lay leaders," he notes, adding that "the need for the church's ministry has gone up dramatically" in recent weeks."

source: www.umc.org

About Us

My Eoffering



Q: WHAT IS myEoffering?

A: It is a Christian family-owned company who has been providing services for churches like ours for nearly 100 years.

We have teamed up with them to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. Their service is solid, secure and easy.

Q: HOW DOES IT HELP?

A: Online giving allows you the freedom to prayerfully give at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or mobile device. You can stop writing checks and our church can eliminate the fees that come with processing them. It allows us to more accurately forecast expenditures and needs, and helps engage young stewards.

Q: HOW DO I GET STARTED?

A: Signing up is simple! Just go to our church website and look for the button to donate online. Clicking that button will take you to our myEoffering site where you can create a new account and give your first offering in just minutes!

One-time or recurring offerings with a credit or debit card. Safe and simple!

Mail Giving

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(please note the PO Box has a different zip code)


My Weekly Offering to the Work of My Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ Through
The United Methodist Church
Amount \$ _____
"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." 1 Corinthians 16:2
Name _____
Date _____ Envelope No. _____ Category _____

ATTENTION: THE OFFICE HAS ORDERED NUMBERED ENVELOPES FOR 2021. WE WILL DISPERSE THEM WHEN THEY ARRIVE. THERE WAS A MIS-COMMUNICATION ON "WHY" THE CHURCH NEEDS TO CONTINUE WITH NUMBERED ENVELOPES. ORIGINALLY, IT WAS THOUGHT THERE WAS MONEY SAVINGS, BECAUSE SO MANY EXTRA HAD TO BE PRINTED. FOR FINANCIAL TRACKING AND COUNTING, WE MUST RESUME NUMBERED ENVELOPES. THIS WAS SHARED RECENTLY BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

COMING SOON...VENMO! A way to give on-line when the time is best for you!

Users have a Venmo balance that is used for their transactions. They can link their bank accounts, debit cards, or credit cards, to their Venmo account; alternatively users can order a Venmo MasterCard and pay through it. Paying with a bank account or debit card is free, but payments via credit card have a 3% fee for each transaction. Some credit card providers may charge cash advance fees for Venmo payments.

When users first create an account, total transactions cannot exceed \$299.99 until their identity is verified. After their identity has been verified, users can send up to \$2,999.99 in each seven day period.

Venmo is a mobile payment service owned by PayPal. Venmo account holders can transfer funds to others via a mobile phone app; both the sender and receiver have to live in the U.S. It handled \$12 billion in transactions in the first quarter of 2018.

In January 2018, PayPal rolled out an instant transfer feature on Venmo, allowing users to deposit funds to their debit cards typically within 30 minutes. A fee is deducted from the amount for each transfer; 1% or \$10, whichever is less. The standard bank transfer (typically completed within 1-3 business days) is available for no fee.

Source: ~ Wikipedia





**Small groups will be forming this month (February) with several ways of contact:
PHONE ► MAIL ► ZOOM ► EMAIL
Deborah will be sending more information about this soon!**

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FOR 2021

I pledge to honor my commitment to the Bemidji United Methodist Church through my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

My/Our pledge to the BUMC for 2021: \$ _____ per Week / Month / Year
(This pledge may be revised or canceled at any time at my request.)

Name _____

Signature _____

~Please return this card to the church if you haven't done so yet~
924 Beltrami Ave. NW
Bemidji, MN 56601

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COFFEE CHAT NOW AT 9:55AM SUNDAYS!



Pastor Rob brought up an idea Sunday (January 31, 2021) for ideas to show appreciation, concern, care, support and healing for our healthcare workers, now and when this pandemic is over. Gift packages were suggested with things that might bring them comfort and know they are supported.

Should you want to be part of this idea and the planning around it, please contact Rob, Michelle or Deborah Davis.

This was a SPARK from Pastor Rob, so you're in on this from the beginning.



The United Methodist Lent Quiz



1. What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean?

- Sacrifice
- Time
- Spring
- March Madness

2. How were ashes imposed in the early church?

- The shape of a cross was drawn on the forehead.
- Ashes were smeared across closed eyelids.
- Ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.

3. Why do people give things up for Lent?

- To follow the example of Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness.
- To help us focus on prayer and devotions.
- To give the acquired savings to the poor.
- All of the above.

4. What snack food has significance during Lent?

- Chocolate
- Pretzels
- Popcorn

5. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast?

- Twice a week
- Twice a month
- Twice a year
- Rarely
- He did not fast.

6. Why does Lent last 40 days?

- To represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.
- To recall the 40 days and nights the earth was flooded in the Old Testament.
- To remind us of the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert.

7. What do some United Methodists not sing at Lent?

- Doxologies
- Alleluia
- "In the Garden"
- The communion liturgy

8. Which hymn, based on St. Patrick's prayer, would be a good Lenten devotion?

- "Jesus Walked This Lonely Valley"
- "Christ Beside Me"
- "O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice"
- "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

9. True or false? Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.

- True
- False

10. When early Methodists in America sat in a church on a mourner's bench, they would:

- Repent their sins
- Experience a new birth
- Rededicate themselves to Jesus
- All of the above

February

2021

United Methodist Church

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:00- SPRC ** NEW TIME & DAY!	1:00 - Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table	1:30- Virtual Coffee on Zoom 5:00- Community Table		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:55- Coffee with Pastor Rob and Pastor Michelle 10:30- Worship		6:30- Trustees Meeting	1:00 - Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table	1:30- Virtual Coffee on Zoom 5:00- Community Table		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:55-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Pastor Michelle 10:30-Worship Happy Valentine's Day! TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY	PRESIDENTS' DAY		1:00 - Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table ASH WEDNESDAY	1:30- Virtual Coffee on Zoom 1:30- Finance Meeting 5:00- Community Table		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:55-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Pastor Michelle 10:30-Worship ANN. CHARGE CONFERENCE 3:00 pm on Zoom FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT			1:00 - Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table	1:30- Virtual Coffee on Zoom 2:00- Stamping 5:00- Community Table 6:00pm- Church Council		
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9:55-Coffee with Pastor Rob and Pastor Michelle 10:30-Worship						

Answers to Lent Quiz!

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The correct answer is spring.

2. How were ashes imposed in the early church?

The correct answer is ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.

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The correct answer is all of the above.

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The correct answer is pretzels.

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The correct answer is twice a week.

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The correct answer is alleluia.

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The correct answer is True.

10. When early Methodists in America sat in a church on a mourner's bench, they would...

The correct answer is all of the above.

open hearts
open minds
open doors



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