



Dear Church Family,

What a summer we are having! Since returning to in-person activities, the church has been very busy. Worship attendance is still not quite what it was prior to the pandemic, but we do have many who continue to worship online. We may have some idea of what "New Normal" looks like by Thanksgiving.

I am very concerned about the Delta variant of COVID-19. We've just endured a difficult time for many people throughout the world. We've experienced loss while adapting our lives to living in a pandemic. It has been exhausting.

I am just back from a renewal leave of two weeks. I was able to visit family and spend time at the cabin reflecting on the last couple of years. I am grateful.

I've been having prayer and conversation with God. I sense we are in the midst of many endings and beginnings. I've been presiding for weddings and memorial services which were delayed by the pandemic. Each time we gather, part of our gathering is a celebration of being able to gather.

We ordinarily tell the resurrection story at Easter. But we are living a resurrection story in the here and now. We might as well call it the year of Easter. Much like that first Easter, our time is fraught with uncertainties, both in our world and in our church. While living with the anxieties of this time, we all bear resurrection hope. God is doing great things with and through us.

For my part, I am grateful to be on the adventure with you. Who we are with often matters more than where we are going. This is especially true in uncertain times. Let this be a time when we are grateful for each other. May we especially be grateful for God, our companion through journeys past and present. God is our hope for the future.

Blessings,

Pastor Rob

P.S. I begin Jury Duty for August and September. This may affect my office schedule.

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JUST A REMINDER....

Articles for the September Newsletter are due in to the office no later than **9:00am on Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

You may text, email or call the office.

Pastor Rob is in the office Wednesdays and any other weekdays by appointment.

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
August 24th- Dave and Alice Larkin



Have you looked for our hidden picture? Once you find what we've hidden in the Newsletter, call the church office at 218-751-3503. Leave the day and the time you're calling. Also, tell us where you found it. The item you will be looking for this month is a Sunflower, as seen below. We have a wonderful prize waiting for you! ↓ One winner per year! Good Luck!



August Birthdays

August 02- Pam Stowe
August 03- Stella Nicholson
August 03- Teresa Thomas
August 04- Roy Miller
August 04- Grace Stowe
August 07- John Holmstrom
August 12- Jerry Manley
August 22- John Robinson
August 23- Alan Cullifer
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



"Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks."

Philippians 4:6

...at Neilson Place: Jean Slinkman
...at Trillium: Judy Comstock
...at Windsong: Wag Collins, Bert Clark, Evan Hazard and Dotty Naramore
...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 Robert Frazey, and Lois Jessen
...at Birch Haven Village: Betty Brooks
...The family of Verna Norden who will have a private burial on August 14th at 12:30pm. The family plans a Celebration of Life at Diamond Point Park after the burial.
...For the family of Lorna Sullivan who is planning her funeral on September 04, 2021 at 3pm. Pastor Marva Jean Hutchens will preside.
...For Jill Carlson, mother of Cheyenne Stowe, who is temporarily in the Blackduck Nursing home. To send her a card: Good Samaritan, Attn: Jill Carlson, 172 Summit, Blackduck, MN 56630
...Noli and family. She just turned "2"
... Please contact Jan Grimm to add a name to the Prayer Chain. Her phone number is:
H- (218) 444-0209 C- (218) 821-7816



Do you know anyone that uses a black cartridge for a HP Printer, the number is: 63XL. See Karen or Deborah in the office.

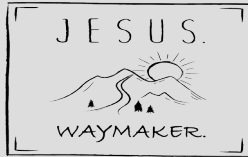
Offerings and Misc. Received for June 2021

General Offering.... July 08, 2021.....
July 22, 2021.....

On-line Giving for July.....\$1,424.10



Please feel free to cut out the prayer to the left that Bishop David Bard is asking all members to pray for the next year.



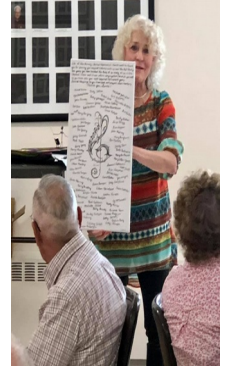
O God, tender touch, gentle wind, fierce fire, incessant grace, wild hope, piercing stare, creative love, known in Jesus: We long to know you more deeply. We long to live more faithfully—by doing justice, loving kindness, sharing good news, offering healing grace, building beloved community. Empower us by your Holy Spirit. Enlarge our hearts. Enliven our minds. Make gentle and generous our spirits. Strengthen our resolve. When the way forward seems shrouded in dense fog, the path ahead overgrown with thickets, the road strewn with potholes; when the pain and hurt of the world overwhelms and the pain and anxiety in our own lives immobilizes: Remind us that you, O Jesus, make a way—that you, O Jesus, are the way. And so we move forward, breath by breath, step by step, prayer by prayer, grace upon grace, hearing your voice, “I am with you always.” Amen.

Minnesota Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

Bishop David A. Bard



**Linda Wagner
Choir Director
1987-2020
BUMC**



Dear BUMC Congregation,

Thank you very much for the lovely celebration in my honor. Your cards, comments and gifts are much appreciated!

My years of choir directing were so rewarding and fulfilling for me, a true labor of love!

The Choir is simply the best group of singers I could have ever worked with and I look forward to many more years of musical service!

Sincerely, Linda Wagner



Larry and Sue Young,

Thank you for taking the time to go out of your way helping decorate Linda's Retirement party. The gifts that were chosen from the choir members were so perfect. Sue, your artistic talent is amazing. The balloons you MADE, just adorable. Yes, unfortunately balloons from the store don't last 24 hours anymore. The fact you went out of your way to make them, shows how creative you are. So great to see 50 people celebrate 33 years of service honoring Linda Wagner's time as BUMC Choir Director. Thank you EVERYONE!

Deborah Davis and Karen "Bubbles"

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS are needed immediately! Can you sign up for one Sunday a month? Also, homemade treats for coffee after service can now be brought in. Please contact Deborah Davis if you are willing to serve coffee and bring homemade goodies. Thank you!



A big thank you to our Meals on Wheels volunteers July 12-16.....Jeff & Charlene Anderson, Tony & Carla Nicholson, Randy Burg, Carol Neilson, Vic Mosser, Sandra Krantz, Diane Morris, Marcia Roline, and Sue Rickers. We couldn't do this much needed mission work of our church without our dedicated volunteers. For more information about joining our team, call Meals on Wheels coordinator: Terry Thomas, 444-9580.



BEMIDJI AREA CHURCH MUSICIANS

BACM 2021
Recital
Series



Thank you to everyone who worked on the Bemidji Area Church Musician Concert July 28, 2021. It was very well attended and always a delight to hear Glenn Seibel on his Euphonium and Wayne Hoff on piano. Special thanks to our volunteers from the BUMC Church Committee. They are: Sandy Sterr, Verna Lofberg and Deanna Nichols. A wonderful brunch was served after the concert, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

RALLY SUNDAY
GET INVOLVED



September 19, 2021

Rally Sunday is right around the corner! We'll have performers, delicious food, plus artists, service and information booths. Come one; come all. We need chefs, plus if you would like to run a booth of any kind text Deborah at: 218-214-3581 **SAVE THE DATE**

August 2021

United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>7am- YouTube and Facebook Service 10:30am- In Person Worship Hayden Marie Richardson Baptism</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5pm- Lois Statton Funeral and Lunch</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:45 Neilsen Service 2:30- Goldpine Service 1:00- Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:00- Community Table</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>7am- YouTube and Facebook Service 10:30am- In Person Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7pm- Office Webinar</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm- Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:00- Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:30pm- SPRC Meeting 5:00- Community Table</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am- Pastor Amy Strom's Father's Funeral for Irving Strom</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:30pm- Verna Norden Burial Greenwood Pastor Rob</p>
<p>15</p> <p>7am- YouTube and Facebook Service 10:30am- In Person Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00- Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:30pm- Finance Meeting 5:00- Community Table</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>7am- YouTube and Facebook Service 10:30am- In Person Worship</p> <p>Full Moon</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1:00- Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:00- Community Table 6:00pm- Church Council</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>7am- YouTube and Facebook Service 10:30am- In Person Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

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GOOD BYE JULY!



Thank you to Marcia Roline's mom for making the Kitchen Angels. Marcia brought them in to share with members on a Sunday morning. They were so bright and colorful!

Congratulations to Kristi St. Pierre for finding the hidden red, white, and blue star in last month's Voyageur. We tucked it away in a picture of Pastor Rob from the Minnesota Annual Conference. It was hidden on the right side of his stoll. © Kristie wins a special prize from Deborah's office of fun! Stop in Kristi and pick up your prize.



The Elm Tree had to come down. It was located on the west side of the parking lot. I'm sure the Trustees will appreciate not having to come move and haul away limbs. Thank you to the City of Bemidji for cutting and cleaning up!

July 23, 2021



open hearts
open minds
open doors



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