

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

“Serve, Teach, and Love As We Grow In Faith”

JUNE-JULY 2020



Dear Beloved,

I write this letter with mixed feelings. This is my last letter to the congregation. It seems as if the year has flown by. I am glad to be returning to “retirement” but grieving in saying goodbye. Sue and I have been so blessed in being part of the congregation. We love you with an undying love. And, though parting hurts, we will continue to remember you and pray for you and Pastor InWah and his wife Esther.

I stand in awe of God and his perfect timing. When I retired from pastoral ministry in 2016, I thought that I would never again serve a congregation full time. But last year, when I received the call from our District Superintendent, I knew that coming to BRF UMC was what I was called to do. Throughout the year, it was affirmed over and over that we were to walk this year with you. Now our journey together will be coming to an end. June 28th will be my last Sunday. Hopefully, through this year I did no harm, I did all the good I could, and I helped you stay in love with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As I look to the future, I expectantly await God’s plan for using me as his disciple to help make disciples of all nations. Please keep Sue and I in your prayers as we move into our next phase of ministry. May God continue to bless all of you as you reach out to those around you with the love of Christ and the good news that through the person and work of Jesus Christ, we are saved!

In Jesus’ love and care,
Pastor Wendell





JUNE 1	Jean Anderson
JUNE 2	Chloe Baker
JUNE 5	Lauren Perry
JUNE 6	Barb Hagenbrock
JUNE 7	Janet Krohn
JUNE 9	Deb Ward
JUNE 10	Sharon Melichar
JUNE 11	Abbi Goldsmith
JUNE 13	Nancy Hindes
	Bruce Odeen
JUNE 15	Vangie Stender
JUNE 16	Vivian Simons
JUNE 18	David McCullough
JUNE 19	Mike Gaede
	Sherry Olson
JUNE 22	Jim Holt
	Pat Moe
JUNE 23	Wayne Bue
JUNE 25	Randy Bjerke
	Marsha Harmer
	A. Jay Holder
JUNE 26	Josh Farnsworth
	Marlene Taylor
JUNE 28	Linda Atkinson
	Justin Dougherty
	Peter Hoffman
	Irma McNeely
JUNE 29	Jack Bailey
JUNE 30	Rich Goldsmith



JULY 2	Michael Dobson
	Mark Jarrett
JULY 3	Gil Homstad
	LuAnne Schoolcraft
JULY 6	Leroy Wiersma
JULY 9	Kristie Gomer
JULY 12	Donna Overlien
JULY 13	Carol Jarrett
	Mike Kappen
JULY 15	Julie Talley
JULY 16	Wade Christianson
	Joe Collins
JULY 19	Luane Meyer
JULY 21	David Dettinger
	Chris Odeen
	John Piotrowski
JULY 22	Rose Moldenhauer
	Terrie Stevens
JULY 23	Gene Atkinson
	Chuck Buswell
JULY 24	Rita Casper
JULY 25	Beth Bue
JULY 26	Patty Iverson
JULY 27	David Casper
JULY 28	Kim Amborn
	Sue Gaede
	Sonny Hagen
JULY 29	Diane Moe
	Jamie Pennekamp
JULY 30	Mya Long
JULY 31	Barry Goldsmith
	Emily Stewart

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You can view your newsletter on our website at brfumc.org, or we will email it to you each month.

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PLEASE NOTE . . .

This newsletter is for the months of June and July. Your next newsletter will come to you in August.



BRF UMC Vacation Bible School, "ROAR, Life is Wild, God is Good" is scheduled for Monday, August 24-Thursday, August 27 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This African adventure engages everyone. Kids will explore God's Word and enhance their faith that will guide them through their wild life. ROAR VBS will be the main event this summer! Our plan is to host VBS at the church. If that is not possible, we are prepared to do everything LIVE ONLINE and families will be able to participate from home. Watch the Facebook page and church webpage for further details.

JUNE & JULY YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 6	Rylan Kapfer
	Abigayle Rave
JUNE 9	Jacob Ross
JUNE 10	Abigail Hill
JUNE 12	Tobias Christianson
JUNE 14	Mallory Finch
JUNE 19	Aaron Dawley
JUNE 23	Kenzie Olson
JUNE 28	Adaline Goldsmith
JULY 1	Jhett Hale
JULY 2	Faith Leisgang
JULY 3	Amelia Holman
JULY 13	Briar Peterson
JULY 15	Ryan Casper
JULY 26	Leah Kehr

Camp & Retreat Ministries Resources for Families

The families who signed up for summer camps received an email that all summer camps were cancelled for 2020. We are sad for the kids and the adults who had signed up, but we know it is for everyone's safety.

In place of going to summer camp this summer check out the following. Nick makes you feel like you are right there, well almost. **Virtual Day Camp** is something you can sign your child up for the summer, it has a lot of fun activities everyday! Families can also create their own summer camp for their child that signed up, go tent camping the dates they were supposed to go, plan activities around the theme they had chosen, make meals over the campfire, be creative! Say prayers for the camps. This summer will be a different scenario for them.

Nick Coenen, Camp Director at Pine Lake Camp and Retreat Center, is posting thoughtful prayers and camp-based activities for children at facebook.com/pinelakeumc and facebook.com/lakelucernecamp.

United Methodist Camp & Retreat Ministry members from around the country are contributing to Virtual Day Camp at virtualdaycamp.wixsite.com/umcrm. Each day, campers can log in and follow a day camp session.

Beth Bue BRFUMC Camp Coordinator
Suzanne Goldsmith BRFUMC Camp Coordinator



Youth Group News

Thanks to all who adapted with us and switched our meetings to Google meets. We had a lot of fun with trivia, scavenger hunts, and prayer time.

We are working on ways to "meet" in June. We will keep youth and families up-to-date as soon as we get things worked out.

We are missing all the youth. Our prayers are that you are continuing your faith walk at home and will join us once we are back in the building.

Suzanne Goldsmith, Youth Director

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RADIO BROADCASTS

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| MAY 3 | Sponsored by Bob Uhrig in honor of his 90th birthday on May 3 |
| MAY 10 | Sponsored by Eric & Julia Backaus who are radio listeners from Neillsville |
| MAY 17 | In memory of Gary and Pam Dolsey sponsored by Karen Dolsey |
| MAY 24 | Sponsored by Pastor Wendell & Sue Williams |



The Mission Outreach Committee concluded their drive for the Knit for Kids program sponsored by World Vision on April 30, but if you have projects in the works or yet to bring to the church that is fine. No date has been set for shipment to World Vision as we would like to have a blessing of the items before they are sent off. So if you wish, you can keep on knitting or crocheting.

I am happy to report that we have far exceeded our goal of 75 items that I set last fall. As of last count on May 24, 2020, we have 121 items to send off. I understand that there have been others in our Black River Falls community who have heard about our project and contributed as well. We have many lovely blankets, sweaters, hats and mittens and I so hope that I can show them off to you soon. Great job everyone!!

A special thank you to everyone who had a role in this project whether you created one or more of the lovely items, donated yarn, found others to help in our project, or supported or cheered on a crafter, all is greatly appreciated! Many children will be toasty warm because of your efforts. May God bless each and every one of you.

On a side note, because everyone was so busy, our yarn supply has been greatly depleted. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Charlene Galston

memorials
& gifts

Undesignated Fund

In Memory Of:

Darryl Farnsworth (father of Dennis Farnsworth)

given by Dave & Kae Dettinger

Jill Kaphengst's brother given by Dave & Kae Dettinger.





Finance Update

Through April 30, 2020

INCOME:

Budgeted:	\$98,884.50
Amount Received:	\$83,425.91

EXPENSES:

Budgeted:	\$94,962.78
Amount Paid:	\$75,633.84

2019 APPORTIONMENTS:

Amount Due:	\$14,751.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 0.00

Many thanks to everyone for their continued faithful giving to the church during this coronavirus pandemic. Your contributions are very important to your church and appreciated so much!



If you have an announcement or other information that you would like to have posted on the church's Facebook page or the church's website, please forward that information to the Church Office and we will get the information to our website and Facebook coordinator for publication.

Also, please let the church know about any changes to your contact information, such as a new address, change in your telephone number or cell phone number, or new email address.



Sign Up for E-Giving!!

Electronic Giving (E-Giving) is a way for you to give contributions to the church without having to write a check. In E-Giving, you specify a set amount that you wish to give to the church monthly. This amount will automatically transfer from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account on a specified date each month. If you would like to sign up for this method of giving to the church, please contact Jill in the Church Office to fill out an authorization form. It's that easy!!

Other methods of automatically giving contributions to the church may be available at your bank though programs such as "Bill Pay". Please contact your bank for more information on these other methods of online contributions.



Are you enrolled in **Amazon Smile**, a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible **smile.Amazon.com** purchases to charitable organizations of your choice.?

If not, here is how to set up your account. Use our unique charity link : <https://smile.amazon.com/ch39-1077829>, and you will automatically be asked if you want to support **Methodist Church of Black River Falls Inc.** After that , all you have to do is use **smile.amazon.com** instead of the usual **amazon.com** when placing an order. Log into your account, and start shopping! It is that easy! Do your summer shopping and help your church at the same time!

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call the church office and we would be glad to answer any questions or help you with setting up your account.

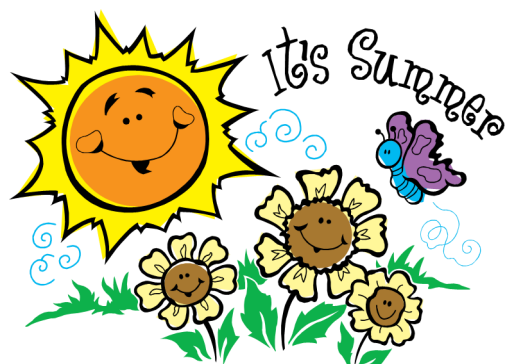


PRAYER FAMILIES FOR JUNE & JULY

June 7	Jim & Georgia Earl Dick & Vonnie Greene Amelia Hoffman, Nick & Aldo Hagar Dave & Gail Jelinek
June 14	Dave & Linda McCullough Bruce Odeen Bob & Clarice Rush Deb & Jim Ward
June 21	Dan & Virginia Berger Breanne Caponigro, Dreydon, DraMayne, & DraMontae Sanders Kay Finch Rhoda Gulso
June 28	David & Marilyn Hoffman Jim & Jill Kaphengswt Rod & Katrina McGillivray Keith & Chris Odeen
July 5	Ken & LuAnne Schoolcraft Josh Ward Jim, Emma & Ethan Bible Renata & Olivia Caponigro, Zack, Ethan & Alexander Olson
July 12	Dennis, Carrie, Sam & Josh Farnsworth Sonny & Marcia Hagen Paul, Robin, Isaac & William Hoffman June Koehler
July 19	Marilyn McKeeth Dave & Sherry Olson Gary & Jackie Shankey, Kaylee Peterson Emily & Harper Ward
July 26	Randy & Pam Bjerke Dave, Rita & Ryan Casper Megan & Mallory Finch Jeff & Barb Hagenbrock

JUNE & JULY ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE 1	Ed & Vione Brauner
JUNE 4	Dan & Mary Jelinek
JUNE 5	Dave & Marilyn Hoffman
JUNE 7	Darrell & Cathy Armbruster
JUNE 8	John & Theresa Paul
JUNE 9	Mark & Tia Maurer
JUNE 13	Larry & Karen Pennekamp
JUNE 14	Todd & Lyn Gates
JUNE 17	Gene & Janet Krohn David & Linda McCullough
JUNE 18	Dave & Sherry Olson
JUNE 19	Peter & Jone Hoffman
JUNE 21	Tim & Mary McCann
JUNE 22	Mike & Dana Rave
JUNE 23	Jeremy & Jana Nandory
JUNE 24	Bob & Clarice Rush
JUNE 29	Basil & Iris Holder Gene & Mary Maurer
JULY 9	Dick & Vonnie Greene
JULY 11	Wade & Candy Christianson Rich & Jill Prochaska
JULY 13	Tom & Lois Epps
JULY 22	Jim & Carol Hornby
JULY 25	Vernon & Mary Gjerseth
JULY 27	Pat & Judy Brauner
JULY 28	Dave & Gail Jelinek



If you know of someone who is in the hospital or who is working through medical issues at home, please call the church office so that the Pastor is aware of the need and can respond accordingly.



If you know of an individual or family that is working through health issues, hospitalization, or some other crisis and could benefit from the gift of a meal, please call the church office and Jill will pass the information to our Caring Meal Crew.

BRF UMC Calendar of Events JUNE 2020

The BRF United Methodist Church building will remain closed as planning begins for how and when we will be able to open the church safely.

An Ad Hoc Committee is being set up to determine how we can have quality worship with adequate guidelines in place to ensure the safety of those who are in attendance as well as a quality presence on the internet and radio.

Your patience and understanding are appreciated as we work through these new and difficult decisions.



Dear Pastor Wendell and Sue,

It's hard to believe a whole year has gone by since we welcomed you into our congregation and our hearts. God's perfect timing placed you here at BRF UMC to help guide us through a very difficult year of change, as well as the trials of a pandemic. We have been truly blessed by your leadership and experience during this trying time.

Our heartfelt thanks for all you have done for us. We send our love and best wishes to you as you continue your retirement.

Your BRF UMC Church Family

