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November

as We Grow in Faith" Serve, Teach, and Love

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Tuesday-Friday 7:45am. - 3:45pm. Office Hours:

9:15 a.m. (September - May) Sunday School:

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER 2021

"Serve, Teach, and Love As We Grow In Faith"

Dear BRF Family,

Peace be with you all.

I hope you have successfully gotten through this harvest season despite the pandemic. It's now time to prepare for a cold winter. I pray that all of you will survive the coming winter storms without any illnesses or accidents. I appreciate all of the members who have been attending the Daring Faith Campaign for the last several weeks. The reason that we have been doing this series is because I wanted to encourage you to get through tough times in life by exercising faith in God. I believe it is hard for us to win over the world without faith. Faith is seeing from God's point of view. We should see the world around us through God's eyes.

The Daring Faith campaign is a spiritual program to empower you to grow in faith, sow in **PASTOR** faith and go in faith. Together we have learned how taking a step of faith is the beginning of a great adventure with God. What should you do when you know something is God's will but you're scared to death to do it? Do it anyway. Faith is about taking the first step, and taking the risk in faith.

FROM OUR

Throughout the Bible we see this important truth: The Holy Spirit releases his power the moment you take a step of faith. When God told Joshua to cross the Jordan River, it was at a flood stage. It was only after Joshua stepped into the river, that the waters stopped flowing and the whole nation of Israel crossed on dry ground. *God waits for you to act first*. Move ahead, and do what God tells you to do regardless of your fears and feelings. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, "For our life is a matter of faith, not of sight". This is how you cooperate with the Holy Spirit. What is God asking you to do that you haven't done yet?

The Bible says your faith is worthless unless you take a step of faith. Faith is more than merely believing. Faith is something you do. Faith is more than just talking about Jesus. Faith is action. James 2:14 says, "If people say they have faith, but do nothing, their faith is worth nothing".

I don't know what your next step of faith will be, but I do know this: You have one. God will never be finished taking you deeper in faith. There will always a next step. *God isn't going to help you with step three, four, and five until you take step one, two and three.* While you're asking God to help you with something, he's asking you, "Why haven't you done what I've already told you to do?" You may have "been aiming to" do something. Stop aiming and pull the trigger. What is God asking you to do that you haven't done yet?

In Exodus, God let his people wander for 40 years and die in the desert because they didn't have enough faith to believe He would take care of them in the Promised Land. Please know that I am praying for you in this time to move forward. We are in a spiritual battle against fear, doubt, self-centeredness, and materialism. It all boils down to this: HOW MUCH WILL I TRUST GOD'S PROMISES?

God bless you all to be faithful in God.

Love

Pastor Rev. Inwha Shon





NOV	1	Judy Hansen	
		Joan Zenz	
NOV	2	Ashley Johnson	
NOV	4	Larry Whaley	
NOV	5	Erica Gentry	
		Barry Gjerseth	
		Jill Kaphengst	
NOV	6	Gene Maurer	
NOV	8	Sam Lund	
NOV	12	Beth Amborn	
		David Hoffman	
NOV	15	Linda McCullough	
NOV	17	Ryan Dobson	
		Tia Maurer	
NOV	18	Dana Rave	
		Sarah Wiersma	
		Trevor Speich	
NOV	20	Dan Jelinek	
NOV	21	Michael Rave	
NOV	22	Ella Goldsmith	
NOV	28	Pat Brauner	
		Karen Pennekamp	



YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

NOV 3	Xavier Olson
NOV 5	Julia Smetana
NOV 7	Amelia Crocker
NOV 10	Ella Hatleli
NOV 22	Madyson Schultz
NOV 23	Daniel Goldsmith



NOV 1	Dave & Ann Smetana
NOV 3	John & Shirlie Nimmo
NOV 4	LeRoy & Kim Amborn
NOV 6	Bob & Kathy Lind
NOV 8	Roy & Dorothy Hefty
NOV 11	Rich & Suzanne Goldsmith
NOV 27	James & Jiliann Talley



PRAYER FAMILIES FOR NOVEMBER

NOV 7	Don & Vangie Stender Terrie Stevens Grant & Geri Allen Janet Gilbertson
NOV 14	Megan & Mallory Finch Sun Gorski Jason, Kristin & Benjamin Breining Mike & LuAnn Gaede
NOV 21	Amelia Hoffman, Aldo Hagar Nancy Iuliano Bob & Kathy Lind Jeremy, Jana & Ryan Nandory
NOV 28	Derek & Marcie Peterson Cooper, Briar, Tucker & Ella Larry & Cathy Whaley Dick & Vonnie Greene

DISCOVERING OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Class 101: Discovering Our Church Family is the first of Black River Falls United Methodist Church's foundational classes. You were designed to be a part of a church family, and that's exactly what BRF UMC is intended to be—your family.

A healthy family has common beliefs, purposes, and commitment. That's why we want to share with you what we believe and where we're going.

Session 1:Our Purpose Session 2: Our Strategy;

Session 3: Our BRF UMC Family

Beginning September 26, Pastor Inwha will be conducting a class on "Discovering Our Church Family." This class will focus on our purpose, our strategy, our story and more. Learn of our history, our faith, our identity as Christians. Learn what it means to truly be Christ-Centered, Bible-Based, God-Glorified, Spirit-Led, Prayer-Powered, Mission–Minded, and doing God's five purposes; Worship, Fellowship Discipleship, Service and Evangelism.

Join Pastor Inwha for this intriguing study. Call the church office to reserve a place now. See you there



WHAT IS OUR DARING FAITH CAMPAIGN ALL ABOUT?

It's Time to Build Spiritual Maturity

During 10 weeks in September thru November, you'll be offered many opportunities designed to strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and build your character. We have a 6 weeks Devotional Guide for you to use.

"Just as you excel in everything else -in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in earnestness, and in love, see that you also excel in the grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

It's Time to Build Our New Daring Faith

On Commitment Weekend, November 21, 2021, we'll attempt to raise the funds to build our "Daring Faith" through a giving commitment offering.

"The company of the prophets said to Elisha, "Look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us!" 2 Kings 6:1

It's Time to Build Relationships in our Church Family

We've designed a program for half our church family to make a personal visit to the other half of our church family. Warmly welcome your visitor when they arrive!

"Encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "...they fellowshipped from house to house..." Acts 4:46

It's Time to Build a Spirit of Thanksgiving!

One night of the third week in November, we're planning to hold a free Thanksgiving Banquet for all who attend Black River Falls UMC.

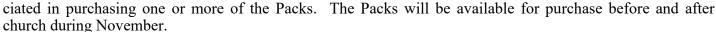
"Celebrate the Harvest Festival...by bringing a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing

United Methodist Women

UMW is working on two fundraisers during the month of November that will help us meet our pledge to mission projects, locally and around the world.

For one of our fundraisers we have joined forces with That's My Pan!® This year you can give that gift that everyone will be talking about. Our fundraiser is offering a wide variety of products that allows you to customize, personalize, and generate that "Wow Factor."

Our second item is a Heated Rice Pack that can be heated in the microwave and give comfort for those aches and pains. A freewill donation will be appre-

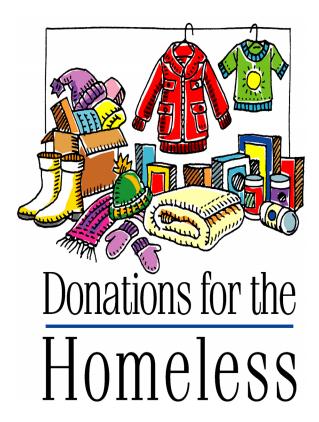


That's My Pan!® fundraiser will also run for the month of November. This guarantees delivery of your That's My Pan!® items before Christmas. Online orders using credit or debit are preferred but if that isn't an option, please speak with one of our officers. Top quality and personalized item samples can be viewed in the Gathering Area and you can pick up a brochure which includes additional information.

We welcome all church members to join in our monthly circle programs in-person or by Zoom. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 1, at 5:30pm. At this time we plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall and offer Zoom from there. If you are interested in the link to connect and more information on the program, contact Luane at 715-284-9839.

Blessings to you, Luane Meyer

COLDTOBER COLLECTION



<u>COLDTOBER</u> is continuing in the month of November. We are collecting winter items for the homeless to include but not limited to new or gently used sweatshirts, sweatpants, jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, (please keep in mind mittens are warmer than gloves for homeless) socks, and blankets.

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Please remember the homeless as well as the volunteers in your prayers. The Sunday meals for the homeless are averaging 200+ and many sleep in tents. If you think of any way to reach out to the local homeless, please let Pastor InWha, myself or any member of the Mission Outreach Committee know.

We are also hoping to gather at least 100 Christmas stockings for the homeless in St Paul, any gently used or new ones will be appreciated. Please get these to me by November 10th. Call Terrie Stevens at 715-257-0097 or email prayermatters517@gmail.com to arrange for drop off. Many thanks.

FINANCIAL REPORT - For the Ten Months ended October 31, 2021

	YTD Balance	2021 YTD Budget	% of Budget
Income			
Weekly Offerings	\$ 240,971.30	\$ 229,757.00	104.88%
Special Offerings	\$ 237.27	\$ 5,84000	4.06%
Other Income	\$ 4,338.38	\$ 14,113.00	<u>30.71%</u>
Total	\$ 245,546.95	\$ 249,710.00	98.33%
Expenses			
Apportionments	\$ 7,076.00	\$ 35,380.00	20.00%
Programming	\$ 6,288.59	\$ 5,501.00	114.30%
Pastoral Support	\$ 91,912.70	\$ 95,240.00	96.50%
Program & Support Staff	\$ 59,761.50	\$ 65,672.00	91.00%
Operations	\$ 42,907.08	\$ 50,660.00	84.70%
Total	\$ 207,945.87	\$ <u>252,453.00</u>	82.40%
Difference	\$ 37,601.08	\$ <u>(2,743.00)</u>	

God Bless our Church and all its members. We are closing in fast on the end of the year and looking forward to what the next year will bring. As we approach this time it is once again a chance for all ot us to reflect on what the good Lord has blessed us with this year, and what we might be able to give back in the coming year. Pastor Inwha will be talking more about our giving in the coming weeks, so pray that when the commitment cards are distributed that you consider what is best for our church and our community.

Income year-to-date is \$245,547 while expenses are \$207,946, leaving us a positive \$37,601. Please keep in mind that these figures include moneys that will need to last us until the end of the year, as some members give only twice a year. Please continue to Pray that 2022 will be just as fruitful for us as 2021 has been.

Wayne Bue, Finance Chair

November reminds us that it is a time to give thanks to our maker for the many blessings He has bestowed on us. Though some have experiences disappointments, heartaches and sorrow, we can always look to God who knows what we need and when we need it. *Give thanks always to our God*.





When you are thinking of ideas for Christmas or birthday gift giving, consider Scrip cards. Beside our most popular cards of Kwik Trip, Hanson's and Wal-Mart, we also carry Applebee's, Arby's, Olive Garden, Buffalo Wild Wings, Panera (Darden restaurants), and Texas Roadhouse. We also have Barnes & Noble, Kohl's, Target, Bath and Body, Culver's, Revolution, Starbucks and Amazon.com. This is just a few of what we have.. There are



many others that can be special ordered. If your gift recipients don't live near you we may have retailers in their area. For example, Meijer's, Albertson's, Cub Foods, Cheesecake Factory, Outback Steakhouse, Land's End, Best Buy, Bass Pro Shop, Cabela's, Home Depot, L.L. Bean. The list goes on and on. Stop at the desk at church on Sundays to see the full list or call me (Marcia) at 715-284-3346 and I will see if we can help.

The last day for special orders for Christmas giving will be December 12.



Youth Group is open to anyone in 6th-12th grades. We meet each Wednesday from 6-7pm unless otherwise noted. We will meet:

November 3rd November 10th November 17th

November 24th No Youth Group. Please attend Thanksgiving Eve Worship service with your family.

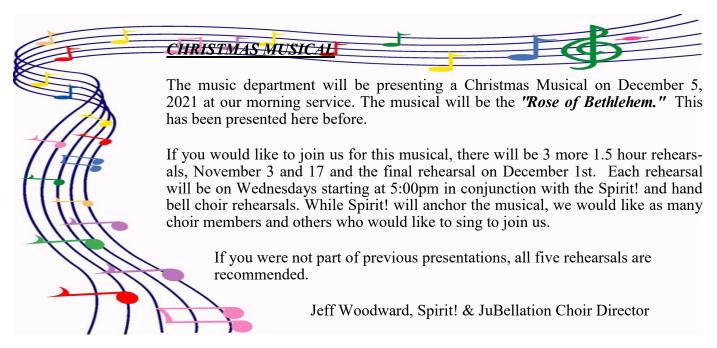
Checkout our Facebook page at Black River Falls UMC Youth Group for information on a trip to Minneapolis in December for a Christmas Concert.

Please contact Suzanne via call/text 715-896-0224 or email suziegoldsmith@hotmail.com with any questions of our youth group.



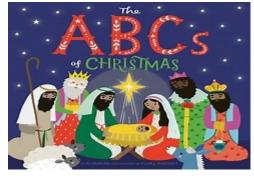






Matthew 19:14: But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.

The Rotation Model Sunday School has been going well! The children have enjoyed crafts, playing games, and edible projects as they learned about Creation. The Rotation Model for November is "Noah's Ark." This rotation will teach the children about Noah and why God wanted him to build an ark.



The Bible is God's true Word. In 2 Timothy 3:16, Paul writes, "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness." The Bible also tells us how much God loves us and how He made a way for us to have a relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. Every year, Black River Falls UMC presents Pre-K students and 4th graders with Bibles. Because of Covid last year some kiddos did not receive their Bible so they will receive it as Kindergarteners and 5th graders. One of our UMC Children's Ministry goals is to be in partnership with parents as they share faith in Jesus

Christ in the home. There are so many stories in the Bible that you can read to your child or your child can read it. Reading the Bible is a way to learn together as a family and to grow in your love for God's Word. On **Sunday, November 7**, we will be presenting children with his/her very own Bible at the 9:00 a.m. Worship. I have talked or emailed most of the families, if I missed you please let me know.

It seems early to begin practicing for the Sunday School Christmas Program, but it is only 7 weeks away, CRAZY! Our Christmas Program, "Sharing the Christmas Story" will be held Sunday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. We will be practicing for the program every Sunday including the day of the program. Sunday School attendance is very important at this time. All students ages 3 years to 7th grade will be a part of the program. If your child is unable to participate, please let me know as soon as possible as I will be assigning roles.

Like our Facebook page Black River Falls Sunday School to see photos of our activities. You can also go to the church's website, www.brfumc.org for photos and other information.

Please continue bringing in your ink cartridges and old cell phones. There are boxes in the front entryway, by the Church Office, and by the Youth Rooms for the ink cartridges and cell phones.

What Happened On This Day in the History of Christianity?

Council of Chalcedon

November 1

The old church of St. Euphemia, sitting atop a hill in Chalcedon across the Bosphorus from Constantinople, hosted the fourth great council of the church in the fall of 451. The emperor called the bishops together to combat a series of heresies about the person of Christ and to formulate a creed that would unite Christianity.

The nature of Christ was the chief theological question of the first 400 years of church history. Christendom as a whole remained unified in an orthodox faith, but periodic assaults by heretics forced the church in its councils to state its definition of Christ. The Council of Nicaea in 325a.d. had affirmed Christ as fully God. But how, then, could he also be truly human?

The Council of Chalcedon tackled that problem, and it wasn't pretty. Bishops and delegates shouted at each other in rough-and-tumble debates, interrupting each other, losing their tempers, shouting down speakers, and wreaking havoc. In the end, however, it managed to affirm that Jesus: (1) is fully God; (2) is fully human; (3) is one person; and (4) possesses two distinct natures. The Chalcedon document, one of the most important in church history, says in part:

Following the holy fathers, we confess with one voice that the one and only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, is perfect in Godhead and perfect in manhood, truly God and truly man, that he is of one substance with the Father as God, he is also of one substance with us as man. He is like us in all things without sin. This one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten is made known in two natures (which exist) without confusion, without change, without division, without separation. The distinction of the natures is in no way taken away by their union, but rather the distinctive properties of each nature are preserved.

The Council of Chalcedon thus affirmed that Jesus Christ is one person having both a divine and a human nature. He is one Lord. He is both God and man. And with that, the council dissolved on **November 1, 451a.d.**. Here is the great mystery of our religion: Christ came as a human. The Spirit proved that he pleased God, and he was seen by angels. Christ was preached to the nations. People in this world put their faith in him, and he was taken up to glory. *1 Timothy 3:16* Morgan, Robert J., *On This Day*

