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February 2022

February & March Mission Giving Opportunity



In the spirit of Lent and Easter - as we remember Christ's love for the world...

Our BGUMC Council is pleased to share the news that our local food shelves will be our avenue of partnering with others in mission during the months of February and March. This provides the opportunity to maximize the matching fund program of the 2022 MN March FoodShare Campaign.

For every \$20 raised, we will add a Food Flash Card to a "Help Line" on the side walls of our sanctuary. Let's see if we can fill both walls with these cards! Here's how you can help:

February 13th

- Enjoy Breakfast sponsored by the Men of BGUMC with all proceeds going to food shelves.

By March 31st

(In order that we can submit our donations to area food shelves prior to the early April deadline)

- Drop off loose change donations for the food shelves in our "Noisy Can" offering receptacle in the back of the sanctuary.
- Drop off larger donations in the regular offering receptacle. Please make your donation as a check (to BGUMC) or place your donation in an offering envelope with your name identified on the front. On each, indicate "Food Shelf".

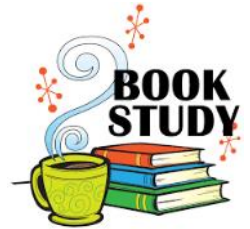
The March 2022 MN FoodShare Campaign works as follows:

- MN FoodShare receives donations from corporate state sponsorships.
- Local food shelves work hard to raise awareness of the needs in their communities, and to gather as many donations as possible to take advantage of the matching program of MN FoodShare.
- For each pound of food and each dollar received by a local food shelf during the March Campaign, MN FoodShare distributes a proportional match to that food shelf - in the form of a grant from the corporate sponsorship funds. These grants make a huge difference in a local food shelf's ability to serve the needs of their clients.

Book Study

Join us **February 17th, 6:30 pm**

at Blooming Grove. We are learning how Love awakens in us a sense of justice. Step in beside us as we explore how we join in God's reparation of the world. Prior attendance and reading the book is not required. All are invited and your wisdom welcomed!



January's group delved into what attentive presence is and how we give this gift to those we encounter. Deaconess Cindy Johnson in an interview in this month's chapter tells us that we "will never look into the eyes of someone whom God does not love." We will use this quote as a launching point as we examine how the gift of attentive presence to one of God's beloved leads us to empathy, understanding and advocacy. *Love awakens in us a sense of justice.*

Questions, thoughts or ideas—Contact Cindy Saufferer at cindy.saufferer@gmail.com.



Vintage BGUMC Sweatshirts and T-Shirts Give-Away!

As we were arranging Christmas boxes in the church attic, we discovered a tub of brand-new vintage miscellaneous BGUMC sweatshirts and t-shirts in a variety of child/youth/adult sizes.

The majority of them are from our 2001 Celebration of 50 years as the "Two-Steepled Church on the Prairie". These clothing items will be available for "Give-Away" on a table at the back of the church, beginning Sunday, February, 6th, for as long as supplies last. Help yourself!



Building Community

FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

34-35 "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."'

John 13:35 The Message

The cold of January is quickly moving into the cold of February, but the calendar reminds us there is hope! Those of us who have seen a few yearly calendars come and go understand that very quickly we will feel the warmer winds of Spring. Have you noticed the days are lengthening?

As I write this newsletter article, I am nearly at the end of the week. It's been a time. I served as Pastor for Ethan Delaske's Celebration of Life service. Friends, I pray I never again walk alongside parents who lay a child to rest. But on this journey with Nikki and Seth, I experienced the best in our communities through those who supported that family. And—I saw the best in our parish community.

When our three churches were joined as a three-point charge, it was my hope that we could grow into a community that may have three separate beloved church buildings but that could come to see one another as one body in our discipleship. This past week, you came together exactly as I had hoped nearly three years ago. You extended the love of neighbor that shows our greater communities that we are disciples of Jesus Christ when all three churches supported Ethan's family through your gifts of prayer, food, and service.

We are blessed with opportunities to come together in our parish book studies (Cindy Saufferer—our soon-to-be-consecrated Deaconess is a wonderful leader), our fundraisers, and our joint leadership teams. I pray you find a place where you feel comfortable in one of these opportunities. If you have ideas for new opportunities or questions, I'm always available to listen.

In this year of 2022, let us be courageous as we seek to walk bravely as the Children of God here in our Prairie Lakes Parish.

Live bravely!








Pastor Kathy

February 2022

Blooming Grove
Morning Worship..... 10:45 am
Sunday School10:00 am

Janesville
Morning Worship .. 8:15 am

Waterville Evangelical
Morning Worship...9:30 am

		1	2 6-7 pm Acts 29 at WV 	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 
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13 Men's Break- fast at BG 9:45—noon BG 2nd Sunday Funday	14 	15	16 6-7 pm Acts 29 at WV	17 6:30 pm Book Study at BG	18 Pastor's Day Off	19
20 1-5 pm Tubing at Camp Omega 3:30—4:45 pm Confirmation at Camp Omega	21 	22 	23 7 pm BG Ad Board in new addition 6-7 pm Acts 29 at WV	24	25 Pastor's Day Off	26
27	28	<p>Save The Date</p> <p>It's Back....</p>  <p>Friday, March 4th Lenten Fish Fry Details to follow</p>				

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

13	Sun	9:45 am	Men's Breakfast
17	Thurs	6:30 pm	Book Study
20	Sun	1-5 pm	Tubing at Camp Omega
20	Sun	3:30 pm	Confirmation/Camp Omega

23 Wed 7:00 pm Regular Ad Council Meeting in new addition (prior to Lent beginning the first Week in March)



Happy Birthday

1	Jake Full	16	Kendra Yule
6	Kristin Nagel	16	Katie Martin
9	Alicia Fyvie	22	Leighton Nicholson
11	Jaeda Koziolk	24	Deanna Kanne
11	Kristin Krell	24	Tracie Spinler
13	Amanda Riecke	25	Ben Full
16	Ivan Buchholz		

Parament Colors

February 6, 13, 20	Green
February 27	White

Upcoming Events



Friday, March 4th
Lenten Fish Fry
Details to follow

Mitchell Hall and the Tennessee Trio
Johnny Cash Tribute

August 13
6-8 pm

Free Will Donation for the
New South Addition

BBQ Picnic prior to the show

Treasurer's Report

December 29—January 29, 2022



General Budget Income \$ 3,121.00

Other Income Received

Cookbooks	50.00
Kamisamba Farm	6.98

Expenses

Pastor (Salary, housing, pension, disability)	2,093.48
Prairie Lakes Parish (unpaid housing, pension, disability in 2021)	6,159.00
Pulpit Supply	100.00
Church Mutual Insurance	3,659.14
Septic Pumping	313.00
Drain Cleaning	567.60
Telephone	50.29
Cokesbury (Church Supplies)	51.09
Food Shelf Donation	2,340.00

Total Paid Out \$ 15,423.25

(Net Income: – \$12,245.27)

Building Addition

Income

Restoration Income	\$ 400.00
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Expenses

Loan Payment	\$ 3,505.13
Monies Dispersed	\$ 8,482.00

Total Paid Out \$11,987.13

(Net Income - \$11,587.13)

Restoration Fund Balance	\$61,142.55
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Building Addition Loan	\$360,914.48
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**Giving Opportunity
Tax Deduction**

**Do You Have An IRA?
(Individual Retirement Account)**

If so, and if you are over 70 years old, your required minimum distribution can be given to the church directly and not count as taxable income. (If you take money from your IRA and then write a check to the church, those dollars are taxable!) Check with your tax advisor, you can help yourself and our congregation!

Education & Events

Lotsa stuff here:

> **What has 48 legs, an awesome appetite, plenty of energy and smiles readily?** The group that gathered during Christmas break, Dec. 30, for “Dinner & A Movie”! OK, I didn’t do a head count, but there musta been at least 2 dozen attendees at the intergenerational activity planned and hosted by Mike and Brad. A massive (7?, 8? or 9?) assortment of pizzas of various toppings created quite the tempting spread. Seating was first come, first served – the kids eagerly took to the “floor seats” right in front of THE BIG SCREEN in our new gathering area, and the adults didn’t really object to sitting on the chairs(!) **Home Alone** was the movie feature, with gasps and giggles amongst the young through grandparent-aged audience as the movie unfolded and “Kevin” found himself home alone, protecting his family’s mansion from New York burglars (who were none too bright). Root beer floats topped off the evening. It was about a 1/3 by 2/3 split between adults and kids. No matter the age, it appeared that everyone enjoyed a superb get-together.

> **A core group of hardy folks** (*core + hardy.... Is that what you call “hard-core”?*) **met on a bitterly cold 2nd Sunday – Funday** on Jan. 9th. The ten participants (pre-school age through, *uhmm*, post-post-school age) took over three of the classrooms as they worked on a new array of fleece blankets. The 10 “workers” **completed 5 blankets plus** another 2 blankets were fringe-snipped and now ready to tie! Pretty darn good production rate, huh? But through all that so-called work, there was interesting conversation and commentary – oh, and COOKIES (take note of the cookie eaters with the cookie blanket in 1 of the pictures). **Rachel’s Light** staff person, Melissa, gratefully accepted our gift of blankets.

> **Many hands, light work....** “Undecorating” Christmas involved all ages, just as the pre-Christmas decorating utilized everyone. But “undecorating” is not “unfun” at all. Just ask Nora, who, in helping to disassemble our tree, carried the top section which was only a few inches shy of Nora’s own height.

> **Food for all** *could* be the theme for our upcoming **2nd Sunday – Funday** on Feb. 13th, although we’ve listed it as Loving Our Feathered Friends tying in with Valentine’s Day. Prior to gathering for our intergenerational activity, get to church a bit early & unbreakfasted (*deep gasp! O.K., have your coffee if needed, before getting behind the wheel*) in

order to support the men (& boys) of the church who’re making breakfast sandwiches. Your free-will offering will go to support the food shelf. After your tummy’s happy, quickly pop upstairs to the Fireside Room where everyone (yes, ALL ages) can create some unique and festive bird food hangers. You can even make a people-food necklace (you’ll hafta come to find out what *that’s* all about!). Treats will correspond with the bird seed idea, as each of us receives a treat baggie of “people seed” (again, come to find out what that means... people seed???). So – food for your tummy (men’s breakfast), food for the food shelf (your donation for men’s breakfast), food for the birdies (your creations at 2nd Sunday – Funday), and food for your tummy again (“people seed” treat bags). Sounds like a win-win-win-win to me. BE THERE! or be..... *unfed*...?

> **Come out and play! A snow tubing afternoon** is scheduled for Sunday, February 20th from 1:30 until 5:00pm at Camp Omega’s sledding hill: **22750 Lind Avenue, Waterville MN**. Family’s and friends are encouraged, in fact, all youth under age 16 **MUST** have a responsible adult in attendance. Cost is \$5/family unit (Omega charges a per person fee but E & E will use their funds to pay the difference). There’s a tow rope to facilitate the uphill climb (good thinking!), an ice rink for broomball, a warming house where we’ll have hot chocolate or other beverages, as well as treats/snacks. Rumor has it that there might be live music (guitar and singing), so long as we don’t interfere with the confirmation class’ agenda. As an added bonus, our sister churches in Waterville and Janesville are invited to join us – a Parish-wide “play date”. What fun!! Perhaps that morning’s services in the churches will be a Parish-wide “pray date” – praying for great weather (or even ‘good’ weather would be fine) plenty of snow, enjoyable fellowship, and safety for all. It’s recommended that you bring an extra pair of sturdy, dry mittens or gloves.

Please decide and **sign up and pay in advance**. Omega staff needs to know by Feb. 10th how many folks to expect. There’s a sign-up sheet just as you enter the sanctuary (you may also sign up to bring shareable treats if you wish to). If you aren’t in church to sign up, you can register by phone: call Patti Ellingson 507-339-2477 or Lacey Spinler 507-475-3500 to confirm name & number of people; and mail your \$\$ to church as “family snow tubing.” There’s already been feedback of “I can’t wait!”, and “Awesome!” and “what a fun way to bust out of winter.”

Who knows what we’ll do next...? A 3-charge Parish offers challenges, yes, but what great opportunities it provides us all, too!



Making
Blankets
for
Rachel's
Light



At Right: Melissa from Rachel's Light, receiving the blankets.

Below—Putting our Christmas Decorations away for next year.



BLOOMING GROVE BUDGET

	<u>2021</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Budget</u>
Pastoral Support		
Salary	\$19,136.42	\$18,293.45
Housing Allowance/Utilities	760.00	8,000.00
Travel	167.52	1,225.00
Pension & Disability	471.98	4,988.25
Continuing Education	342.50	582.40
Conference Registration		
Cell Phone	336.46	339.12
Other Professional Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>
Pastoral Support Total	\$21,214.88	\$33,603.22
Apportionments (Total)	\$ 7,171.00	\$ 6,081.00
Local Church Ministries		
Program		
Confirmation	100.59	150.00
Pulpit Supply	100.00	500.00
Misc.	0.00	500.00
Educational Materials	308.24	500.00
Administration		
Printing/Postage/Office/Copier	56.00	150.00
Phone	513.06	750.00
Maintenance/Other		
Furnace Fuel	2,637.55	2,950.00
Electric	1,098.33	1,100.00
Cleaning	693.75	750.00
Insurance	5,161.66	3,659.14
Software	257.79	0.00
Repairs	0.00	1,000.00
Mowing	5,365.00	5,500.00
Building Project		<u>31,940.12</u>
Interest	<u>2,061.50</u>	
Local Church Total	\$18,353.47	\$49,449.26
SUMMARY		
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TOTAL CHURCH BUDGET	\$46,739.35	\$89,133.48

(If you have any questions about the budget, contact Brad Spinler at 507-461-2354)

Blooming Grove Church Council Meeting

December 9, 2021

Carolyn Kanne, Board Secretary



In attendance: Hjordi Churchill, Pastor Kathy King, Chery Southworth, Brian & Carolyn Kanne, Judy Mahler, Brad & Cindy Saufferer, Marlis Mahler, Patti Ellingson.

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Approval of Prior Council Minutes

Approved as submitted.

Finance

- Treasurer and Financial Secretary reports: The apportionments check went out today. Our apportionment went down over \$700.
- Building Project Matching Funds Outcome: We raised approximately \$22,000, plus the \$15,000 match – so about \$37,000.
- Schedule meeting to set budget: will do this via email
- On-line giving through the new website: the budget part is not done yet
- Audit options: no current auditors. Kathy will ask Arlene and Vanette what the other two churches do and get back to Brad Spinler on the subject.

Building Project

- Construction updates: the storm windows will go on 12/23. Final payment to Ammon of \$14,000 when everything is complete, the floor has been stained (volunteer labor from Kelli Prchal), the refrigerator is still on backorder, and the electrical work still needs to be inspected.
- Security system: we now have cameras inside and out
- Finances/Loan update: we have \$97,500 available at this point to pay down loans through our fundraising and balance on hand
- Update regarding MN UMC Conference grants/loans:
 - ◊ MN Builders – part of the MN UMC Foundation (formerly MN Builders West): we are their focus for 6 months. Judy shared the brochure she and Chery helped create.
 - ◊ MN Builders East: they usually review applications during 1st quarter, so Judy will pursue again in January.
- Thank-you notes to donors: Chery will create the notecards. She needs to know what size.
- Builder's Risk Insurance: Hjordi will cancel at the end of the month, since the building is now done.

Trustees

- Cleaning: Ken Harren will come once a month on a Monday
- Other: We had to have the septic tank pumped once already – there was a leaky toilet that kept water running continuously.

BGUMC Website

- Replacement is complete.

In-Person Worship and Virtual Worship Updates

- Pastor Kathy is still recording virtual services – Judy plays for two and Kristin plays for two. There are some very faithful viewers.
- Our attendance has been creeping upward.

Additional Updates from Pastor Kathy

- Upcoming training for Pastor Kathy:
 - ◊ Imagination Innovation – a rural church team looking at creative ministry with Fred
 - ◊ Schmita: For pastors in the MN United Methodist Conference, an invitation to participate in a once-every-7-years intentional year of learning, reflection, and regeneration
 - ◊ NACOS (Native American Course of Study): Hopefully completing the final classes her Course of Study work as a Licensed Local Pastor
- Upcoming Vacation for Pastor Kathy:
 - ◊ Two weekends off in January. Judy will look into pulpit supply.

Additional Ministry Updates and Plans

- Update from BGUMC teams/groups, i.e. Education, Communications, UMW
 - ◊ Education/Events: Second Sunday Fun Day will be returning in January
- Kamisamba Farm: This has been our mission for the 2nd half of 2021. Raised \$180 so far.
- Adopt a Family: Tracie coordinated. Looks like everything on the list has been checked off.
- SPRC and Lay Leader: training via Zoom.

2022 Officers

See attached list

Charge Conference and Conference Year-End Reports

Charge Conference will be via Zoom. Attendees like not needing to drive.

Meetings for 2022

January – by Zoom? To approve budget and conference reports. 1/26

1st Wednesday of March (Ash Wednesday – will meet 2/23 instead), June (6/1), September (9/7), and December (12/7).

Closing Prayer

BG Church Council Meeting January 26, 2022

Carolyn Kanne, Board Secretary

In attendance: Brad Spinler, Pastor
Kathy King, Brian & Carolyn Kanne,
Judy Mahler, Brad & Cindy Saufferer,
Patti Ellingson. (Meeting held via Zoom.)



Approval of Conference Forms

Purpose of the meeting was to approve several conference forms and the 2022 budget.

- Trustee Report – Form 10
- Mission Report – Form 13
- Checklist for Protection of Church Finances – Form 11
- Annual Report of Appointed or Assigned Clergy – Form 14
- BGUMC Budget
 - ◊ Items to note: we need to catch up on housing and pension payments from last year, so those amounts show up larger. Parish never asked for payments.
 - ◊ Brad Spinler will be the contact for any questions
- Brad Saufferer moved to approve all items as presented; Brian seconded. Motion carried.

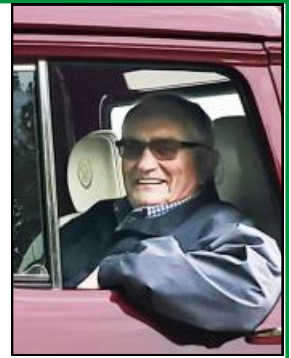
Other Items

- Pastor Kathy mentioned that her required Schmita program has been postponed until next year, since she had a funeral and was unable to attend the first session. This is already paid for, and she told the conference to just hold the payment to apply to next year, rather than refunding it and making the parish pay for it again next year.
- Judy reviewed the other required reports that will be coming due – mainly the dreaded tables for Brad Saufferer, Brian Kanne, and Carolyn Kanne. Pastor Kathy will submit these.
- Men's Breakfast:
 - ◊ The annual men's breakfast will be held February 13th. Eat-in and grab and go will be available before church; only grab and go will be available after. The proceeds will go to the food shelf.
 - ◊ Cindy moved to make our area food shelves our first quarter outreach focus. Carolyn seconded. Motion carried.
- Judy mentioned finding a couple of miscellaneous items in the attic and asked for direction.
 - ◊ Very large portable screen. Decided to give it away – Goodwill or something along those lines.
 - ◊ Box of new T-shirts and sweatshirts from our church anniversary ("Vintage" was mentioned). We will make these available for giveaway.

Meeting Adjourned

WITH DEEPEST
sympathy

Don Michel, age 83, of Morristown died on December 31st. Don was baptized and confirmed at Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church where he remained an active member. Don farmed all his life until he retired in 2013. He took pride in showing his Brown Swiss cows while helping on the family farm. He was FFA Vice President and was awarded the FFA America Farmer Degree and earned Minnesota's Star Dairy Farmer award. He graduated from Faribault High School in 1956 and then went into the Army Reserves. He married Jeanne Gibbs in 1958. He had a love for many things including John Deere tractors, playing cards, church softball, bowling, golf, and watching the Gophers and other sports teams. He had a love for vintage cars, especially his 57 Chevy hardtop and 58 Chevy pickup. He loved spending time with his family and friends, attending the grandchildren and great grandchildren's sporting events. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jeanne; four daughters, Kelly (Ron) Landsverk, Kim (Tom) Bossmann, **Karrie (Cris) VanZuilen** and Kathie (Kevin) Vrieze. Grandchildren including **Paige (Alex) Hohertz**, **Tess VanZuilen** and **Luke VanZuilen**.



Gregory Young, 58, of Waseca, passed away on January 10th after a two-and-a-half-year battle against cancer. He attended school and grew up on a farm in Grantsburg, WI. After receiving his GED, he enlisted in the Army in 1982. He served overseas in Germany for four years and received an Army Commendation Medal earned during active duty. During his professional years, Greg worked his way up from a maintenance technician, welder, various supervisory positions, project manager, and finally, a quality assurance manager. Outside of work he was happiest when spending time and cracking jokes with his family and friends he loved working in his shop and was a talented woodworker, welder, and all-around engineer. Greg is survived by his wife, Amy (sister of **Michael Janke**), 6 children, 1 grandson, and another grandchild due to arrive in May.

Please pray for the following persons and situations shared publicly within our community of BGUMC



Note from Pastor Kathy King:
Please call or text me if you would like me to visit or if there is a prayer concern that you prefer to keep private.

- Luane and Bob, friends of Hjordi Churchill, as they work with doctors and surgeons to identify the source of, and treatment for, a tenacious internal infection.
- Two of Carolyn Kanne's cousins, both of whom are dealing with difficult health concerns.
- Prayers for the thousands of people living in Boulder County, and the surrounding areas in Colorado, who lost everything in the December fires that swept through the Front Range.
- Toni (Waseca Chorale connection with several BGUMC members), as she mourns the death of her mother.
- Jeff Feters and his family (Federated Insurance connection with several BGUMC members) as they mourn the loss of their wife-mother-grandmother, Marty, who passed away after a courageous battle with liver cancer.
- The friend of Patti Ellingson's family - the young man who was the victim of a hit and run accident on his motorcycle. He was released from rehab in mid-January and has reached major milestones of being able to walk and eat. Continue in prayer for him as he works to overcome additional hurdles ahead.
- Dave Brisel's cousin and family, as they mourn the death of Dave's cousin's son, age 60, who died in a freak accident.
- Prayers of thanks for the good outcomes received by Don after experiencing a health scare during a January church service. Thanks to all the BGUMC nurses who provided aid, and to the local EMT personnel who cared for Don.
- Prayers for those in our congregation and communities who are recovering from Influenza A, and pneumonia.
- The family of Adrian Peterson, age 56, who died of a sudden heart attack. In particular, hold Arnold Peterson (Adrian's father) and Arlene Wetzell (Adrian's sister - of Waterville EUMC) in your hearts.
- Prayers for a Saufferer cousin, Leanne, in California, and her family. Leanne's daughter, Kristin is expecting their first grandchild in May - a little boy. Kristin's medical team is closely monitoring a mass that was discovered on the lung of her little one - which will need to be removed upon birth or before.
- Elizabeth, daughter of Chuck and Linda Danks, who was hospitalized for diagnosis of, and treatment for, health concerns. She is doing better, and is able to continue care on an out-patient basis.
- Little Kinsley, Ken and Tena's grand-daughter, who had surgery in January to complete work on her left thumb, in addition to doing an elbow manipulation, and an airway evaluation. We also give prayers of gratitude for Kinsley's second birthday in January.
- The family of Little Ethan, a young child in the Waterville and Janesville area, as they mourn Ethan's passing after a long journey with an aggressive form of cancer. Ethan's funeral was held at Janesville UMC, of our Prairie Lakes Parish.
- Tracie's co-worker's daughter, who is struggling with mental health concerns.
- Kaaren, of the Waterville EUMC congregation, who is hospitalized, and undergoing diagnostic testing.
- All those who lost their homes and loved ones, and who suffered utter devastation on the island on Tonga following the eruption of the volcano in the Pacific Ocean.
- For all impacted by COVID in so many ways - through personal illness, hospitalization, loss of loved ones, impact on jobs. In particular, hold our schools and their staff, students, and families in prayer, as they navigate the uncertainties that COVID is bring to the youngest in our midst, and those who care for them. Also hold all those who work in the medical field in our hearts as they fight the COVID battle.
- All in our faith community who privately hold heavy concerns in their hearts and lives. Help us to reflect God's love and care through our words and deeds that they may know BGUMC as a place of solace, comfort, trust, and support.

Lift Update

As you come and go from church during the week ... please take the lift (in the south addition) for a ride to all three stops! Recently, it became stuck, and we learned that a relay internally becomes sticky and won't allow the lift to move when not used for an extended period of time. It would also be great if it can be used at least once on Sunday mornings. Enjoy the ride and help keep it running smoothly!

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February 13th

2nd Sunday Funday Breakfast (*)

Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast

Valentine's Day Breakfast

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only grab and go will be available after.

Serving Breakfast Sandwich,
Juice, Coffee, Treat

Free Will Offering for the Food Shelf

(*) Join us for this month's Intergenerational 2nd Sunday
Funday Event from 10:00 - 10:45 - creating Valentines
treats for our fine-feathered bird friends!

Contact Brad Spinler
(507-461-2354 or
bspinler@outlook.com)
to volunteer to help—
Men and Boys only!

Upcoming Events



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Juice, Coffee, Treat

Free Will Offering for the Food Shelf

(*) Join us for this month's Intergenerational 2nd Sunday
Funday Event from 10:00 - 10:45 - creating Valentines
treats for our fine-feathered bird friends!

Contact Brad Spinler (507-461-2354
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to volunteer to help—
Men and Boys only!

