



**Brookfield
United Methodist Church**

Brookfield, Ohio

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Lamplighter

September 2020

What a difference a year makes! I was looking at last year’s Lamplighter to see what was happening then. I know times are different now in many ways but it was a shocking to see our activity as a church then to what is happening now:

2019

2020

Summer Fest over and reported on the great success	X
Youth Ministry Friends & Family Outing at Iron Mills	X
Choir plans and invitation to new members	X
Sunday school classes	X
Nursing home projects/outreach plans	X
Nursing home ministry	X
The backpack program moved to the middle school	X
Donating to school pantry	X
On-site meetings	Zoom meetings
Recapped our in-person distribution of school supplies	Supplies sent to school
September hamloaf/meatloaf dinner	Spaghetti Dinner drive thru
Strimbu breakfast in Fellowship Hall	X
Worship every Sunday in the sanctuary	Worship in parking lot on FB
Choir practice every Wednesday	X
Mt Olive grocery packing the third Friday	X
Serving 6-10 families a month from our food closet	Serving 50-60 families a week
Youth Ministry Sunday meetings	Sunday Bible study, meetings, Wed. walks
Off-site Bible study	Bible study resuming?
	Weekly prayer time on FB
	Ongoing church remodel

I think it is incredible the transformation that is happening. While we may miss the activities that traditionally brought us together, we have found ways to come together in fellowship, worship and ministry within and beyond our walls. While we don’t know when or if we will get back to how we used to do things, the most important thing is to answer the call Jesus is placing on us, the body of Christ, in the Brookfield area. We have been discovering new gifts, resources, and talents as we keep our eye on being the church Christ needs here. We are not sure what the future will be bringing us but as long as we keep “the main thing the main thing” we will be just fine!

In His name,
Pastor Dick

News briefs:

Second Harvest will sponsor a free produce distribution at our church on Friday October 2. Set up at 9:00 am and distribution begins at 11:00 am or possibly sooner. The National Guard will handle the distribution and traffic flow into and out of our parking lot. This will be publicized by Second Harvest. They typically have about 150 vehicles for 2 hours of distribution. We are offering to have beverages and snacks available for the workers and will make our restroom facilities available to the guardsmen.

Food Pantry days and hours will change on October 1st. Food distribution will be mornings the second and fourth Saturdays of the month beginning October 10. 10:00 am – Noon.



Our 9/2 pantry crew taking a break. Nancy, Christy, Cindy, Mary Kay and Andrea. (missing: Mitch and Kailyn)



We love boxes – especially the boxes grocery stores get their eggs in – perfect! We use 60 a week!

Spaghetti dinner drive thru Sep 19.

School supplies were delivered to the school – thank you all for your generous donations!

Church Conference dates:

September 2 our SPRC members meet to begin responses for our annual church conference. This involves ministry assessment and our church profile.

October 6 8:00 pm Zoom meeting. SPRC with our district superintendent.

November 17th is our church conference, 7:00 pm at Churchill UMC with four other churches. 5 from our church may attend.

The **Lay Leadership Committee** will meet on **September 15** at the church or on Zoom. Committee members (Pam, Esther, Sandy, Jim Parke and Karen Wallace) and the pastor determine committee and position needs for 2021.

Our **Youth Ministry** has youth to feed. It is a tremendous help if you can help provide a Sunday evening meal. Please note the information included here.

SEPTEMBER



3rd Carl Parks & Matthew Maki
 5th Melissa Sydlowski
 7th Jay Hearn & Jeff Brenner
 8th Ella Simcox, Neil Hane
 & Jenna Rounds
 10th Haden Gibson
 11th Ruth Jennings
 16th Jacob Sydlowski
 & Perry French
 18th Jami Madeline
 19th Mike Mattock
 20th Sheryene Pavone
 23rd TJ Mohny
 26th Richard Pavone
 30th Linda Gibson

1st
 Mike & Sherry Mattocks
 16th
 Don & Bonita Gibson
 19th
 Russell & Lori French
 24th
 Jay & Anita Hearn
 27th
 Carl & Marge Parks
 28th
 Zackary & Jenna Rounds
 29th
 Adam & Sara Wallace

Gracious God,
 During this time of pandemic we ask that you bless the children who are returning to school, their teachers and administrators and their parents as we all navigate these uncertain times. Please keep us safe, help us to learn, stay well and have fun!
 We ask these things in your name, Amen

THOUGHT: It takes vision and courage to create - it, takes faith and courage to prove it.

Thank you to Colleen and Nancy for bring us more Pocket Prayer Quilts! You are a blessing!

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.[a] 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Romans 12: 9-12



DRIVE THRU SPAGHETTI DINNERS!

Just drive up!

\$9.00 for Adults / \$4.50 Children ages 12 and under

Spaghetti with Meat Balls, Salad, Bread and Butter, Homemade Cookies

WHEN: Saturday September 19

TIME: 4:00 – 6:30 PM (or until sold out)

WHERE: The Brookfield United Methodist Church

6951 Grove St, Brookfield Ohio 44403

***Just drive into our parking lot, place and pay for your order,
and we will deliver your meals to-go right to your car!***



**Brookfield United
Methodist Church
Food Pantry**
Wednesdays
9:30 am - 1:00 pm
330-448-1001
6951 Grove St.
Brookfield OH 44403



Food Pantry Needs for September 9, 2020

- † Potatoes – canned, instant, scalloped, au gratin, etc.
- † Baked Beans or beans with pork
- † Jelly, tuna, peanut butter, soap
- † Ramen Noodles
- † “Cream of” soups - mushroom, chicken, celery
- † Oatmeal packets

Food Pantry days and hours will change in October. So that we can have enough volunteers, we will be distributing on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, 10:00 – Noon.

Our last Wednesday distribution will be on September 30. Distribution days in October will be the 10th and the 24th.

YOUTH MINISTRY - HELP NEEDED FOR MEALS!

YOUR NAME	YOUR PHONE#	MTG.DATE	NOTES
		September 6	Fellowship Hall
		September 13	Fellowship Hall
		September 20	Fellowship Hall
		September 27	Fellowship Hall
		October 4	Fellowship Hall
		October 11	Fellowship Hall
		October 18	Fellowship Hall
		October 25	Fellowship Hall
		November 1	Fellowship Hall
		November 8	Fellowship Hall
		November 15	Fellowship Hall
		November 22	Fellowship Hall
		November 29	Fellowship Hall
		December 6	Fellowship Hall
		December 13	Fellowship Hall
		December 20	Fellowship Hall
		December 27	Fellowship Hall

We need folks to help with the Youth Ministry meals on Sunday evenings. The meals can be easy to prepare – favorites are pizza, chicken strips/nuggets, chips, hot dogs, mac & cheese, etc. The youth have activities during the meeting and it is important that they have something to eat.

Please be at Fellowship Hall by 5:15 PM to set up for the meal. Tables are already up – just put out paper plates and napkins – plastic utensils if needed. Food is served buffet style on the table under the kitchen window. The meal is over and cleanup is usually done by 6:15. You are invited to stay for the meeting or you can leave.

There are around 15 youth attending so it is not a great expense or much time needed to provide a meal. It is important that there are people to help prepare and serve the meals. Our leaders and advisors are busy with the students and your presence to help is important. If you have any questions please see Andrea, Christy or Esther.

Please mark the dates you can serve on this form. Or call or text Andrea or call or email the office:

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Thank you for helping with the mission!