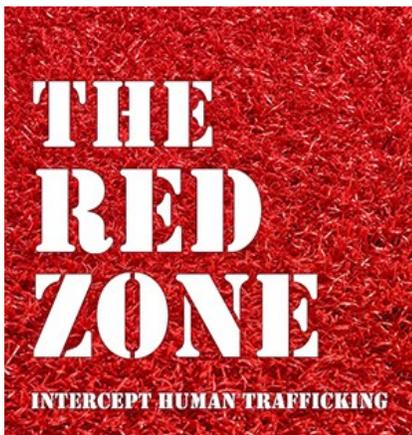


Blooming Grove UMC Weekend of January 27th and 28th Invitation to the Congregation to “Learn-Party-Serve”

Sometimes in life, unexpected, and awesome opportunities land on our doorstep, just inviting us to walk into the experiences waiting on the other side. That is the case of the 2018 weekend of January 27th and 28th. Our BGUMC United Methodist Women, Sunday School Program, and Confirmation Program invite you to join in the four amazing opportunities listed below. Help us spread the word as quickly as possible! Sign-up deadlines are immediate – and identified for each event. Let us know ASAP of your intent. Thanks a million!

#1: Invitation from the BGUMC United Methodist Women

Stand in the Red Zone: “Intercept the Traffickers” – a Time to Learn



Sponsored by the National Organization of the
United Methodist Women

For	Any interested members & friends of BGUMC
When	Saturday, January 27 th : 8 AM-3 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BGUMC carpool will leave the Saufferer farm at 6:15 A.M.
Where	Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church 511 Groveland Ave. - Minneapolis, MN 55403
RSVP	By noon on Friday, January 26th to Cindy Saufferer (507-363-9380).

Join this innovative gathering, and get a glimpse into the world of human trafficking that takes place during the week of the Super Bowl. There will be breakout sessions, panel discussions, survivor stories, and Refreshing Souls of Jewelry making. Lunch will be served.

“Standing in the Red Zone” is the theme of the National United Methodist Women’s (UMW) 2018 “Intercept Human Trafficking” awareness campaign. The aim of the UMW is to teach individuals and communities how to prevent trafficking, to identify and protect those who are vulnerable, and what can be done to aid in the prosecution of those who commit the crime of human trafficking. The UMW invites you to “Stand in the Red Zone” and honor the potential, courage, and heart of trafficking survivors.

#2: Invitation from the BGUMC Sunday School

4th – 12th Grade “Thank You” Pizza Party and Movie



Sponsored by Brad Saufferer and Mike Nicholson,
BGUMC Sunday School Teachers

For	4 th through 12 th Grade BGUMC Sunday School Students
When	Sunday, January 28 th : 10:30 AM–1:45 PM
Where	Brad & Cindy Saufferer Farm
RSVP	From Parents at the beginning of Sunday School Class on Sunday, January 28th

As a Thank You to the 4th through 12th Graders for all of their help and leadership in our Sunday School Christmas Program, Brad Saufferer and Mike Nicholson extend an invitation to their students to a pizza party and movie on Sunday, January 28th – immediately following Sunday School.

Parents:

- We request that you check in directly with Brad and Mike at the beginning of Sunday School on the 28th in order to RSVP regarding the participation of your children and to make arrangements for rides to the party.
- After the party, please pick your students up at the Saufferer farm. Note that the party will end at 1:45 P.M. in order that the confirmation students can join the volunteer group heading to Minneapolis for Event #3 – as described on the next page.

#3: Invitation from the BGUMC Confirmation Program

Bold North – Warm Hearts: Serve the City with Safe Space



Sponsored by the churches of the Minnesota United Methodist Twin Cities District

For	Any interested members & friends of BGUMC from 7 th Grade to age 120
When	Sunday, January 28 th : 3:00 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BGUMC carpool will meet at the Saufferer farm at 1:45 PM
Where	Hope Community Church in Minneapolis
RSVP	By 4:00 P.M. on Monday, January 22nd to Brad Saufferer (507-363-6579)

The “Back Story”

One million people are expected to visit the Twin Cities throughout the course of Super Bowl week. The work and witness of Minnesota United Methodists as a people of faith hold significant stake in peripheral impact from the big game, especially in the areas of human trafficking, homelessness, and hospitality. Our United Methodist leaders are partnering with an ecumenical initiative, Serve the City, organized by Hope Community Church in Minneapolis, to provide a warm and welcoming place from January 29th through February 5th for exploited people, and persons at risk. They are hoping to be able to provide shelter and meals for up to 60 people.

How will we help?

We will travel to Hope Community Church on the 28th to help “tear-down” Sunday School rooms (move out chairs, desks, tables, etc.) and transform their building into a place of shelter and hospitality, setting up sleeping spaces, beds, gathering spaces for meals, etc.

#4: Invitation from the BGUMC United Methodist Women

Bold North – Warm Hearts: Serve the City with Egg Muffins



Sponsored by the churches of the Minnesota
United Methodist Twin Cities District

For	Any interested members & friends of BGUMC – all ages
When	Up until Sunday, January 28 th : 9:30 AM
Where	Deliver Egg Muffins to Cindy Saufferer
RSVP	By 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 24th to Cindy Saufferer (507-363-9380) in order that we can provide advanced notification of our intended baking quantity

The “Back Story” (See “Serve the City Part 1)

How will we help?

BGUMC families are invited to make “Ham & Cheese Egg Muffins” that BGUMC volunteers will take with them with on Sunday, January 28th, to Hope Community Church in Minneapolis. These egg muffins will be served as part of breakfast for the persons who will be sheltered at Hope Community Church. They will need **A LOT** of egg muffins and are excited to learn of our offer to help!

Please use the recipe below, bake the muffins, cool them completely, and then freeze them in Ziploc Freezer bags in quantities of a dozen (6 servings @ two muffins per serving).

Ham & Cheese Egg Muffins: Recipe for a Dozen Muffins

1 dozen large eggs
½ C whole milk
1 C Ham-diced (rather small) – you can substitute sausage for the ham
4 oz Shredded Cheddar Cheese
salt & pepper to taste

- Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees & spray a muffin pan with cooking spray or use silicon baking cups.
- In large bowl, whisk eggs & milk until light & fluffy.
- Divide ham evenly in 12 muffins cups
- Pour egg mixture over ham
- Sprinkle with cheese
- Bake until eggs are set, 25-30minutes. Let cool slightly to ensure eggs are set before removing from pan to serve.
- If saving to eat later, let cool completely then refrigerate or freeze in an airtight container.
- Reheat in the microwave for 60 seconds if refrigerated, 2-3 minutes if frozen.