



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Jan 19

This Sunday, Jan 21 @ 9:00 am

Also on Buffalo United Methodist Church's Facebook Page & YouTube!

Sermon Series – Reset

God's mercies are new every morning! But sometimes it is easy for us to get stuck in the same old routine. This New Year let's hit the "reset button," so we can claim the fresh start God makes available to us. As we rediscover our true identity in the love of God, we will discover new purpose and, guided by the compass of God's values, head off in an exciting God-given direction!



This Sunday – Reset Purposefully on

Prayer Part 2 | Matthew 7: 7-11

Spending time with God enables us to start our year with intention. Centered living comes from understanding God's purpose in this season.

Scripture Reading

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

Next Sunday – Reset on God's Power | 2 Timothy 1:6-9 (NIV)

In his relationship with his young protégé Timothy, Paul modeled what it looked like to live out of a spirit of power not a spirit of fear. How might our efforts to live from a spirit of power strengthen our relationships, families, church and community?



Sunday Fellowship Check out the coffee, treats and great conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Coffee and Worship

The two best things on Sunday morning are coffee and worship, and so we welcome you to bring your coffee in to the sanctuary. However, in order to preserve our beautiful space, we ask that you bring a covered coffee cup from home when bringing your cup into worship.



Other Ministry Updates

- Jan 21** 9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Education Hour
- Jan 23** 12:00 pm Dynamite Prayer Study
- Jan 17** 6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night
6:30 pm Handbells
- Jan 25** 6:30 pm Dynamite Prayer Zoom Group
- Jan 28** 9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Education Hour

Dear Members and Friends of BUMC,
Thank you for the gracious support and warm welcome I have experienced since beginning my ministry with you. It has been lovely! And I am genuinely excited about what the future holds for us as a community of faith called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to a very important upcoming event in the life of our church. On **Saturday, February 3rd from 9:00 am to noon**, retired Rev. Paul Woolverton will be leading our congregation in a Rule of Christ training event.

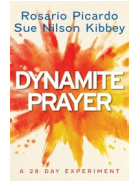
This training is a process rooted in Scripture that can be used to foster and strengthen healthy communication, while thoughtfully addressing situations of conflict. While the presence of all persons in positions of leadership is expected, everyone in the congregation over the age of 16 is strongly encouraged to attend this Rule of Christ workshop. This is an individual, family, work, school, and church-equipping life tool that you will want to understand and begin using right away. Thank you for your commitment to BUMC.

Actively Promoting Peace,
Pastor Amy

Dynamite Prayer Initiative

Last Sunday, we kicked off our new breakthrough prayer opportunity called the Dynamite Prayer Initiative. The Bishop is inviting all churches in North and South Dakota and Minnesota to participate in reading Dynamite Prayer – A 28 Day Experiment.

Important to note, this is a devotional, not a book. And takes maybe 5 or 10 minutes each day. We still have books available for purchase in the entry way.



If you would like to be a part of a group that discusses this devotional, Pastor Amy will be facilitating two different casual conversations over lunch on Tuesdays from **noon to 1:00pm** (last Tues was the first week) or over Zoom on **Thursdays at 6:30** (last night was the first night). Everyone is still welcome to join! Together, let's ask God to break through with God's power for new hopes and possibilities for our church and our own lives. It's a good time of year and a wonderful opportunity to revive this important church-wide prayer practice.

Meals and Missions

Feb 7th is our next Meals and Missions night! Join us at 6:00 for dinner and then help us make cards and put together 125 Bags of Love for our at home church members as well as others in the community! There is a list of donations needed on the bulletin board and you can drop your donations in the bin in the entry!

Membership Class January 28

Come learn more about Buffalo UMC and Methodism in general on **Sunday, January 28 at 10:15 am** in the conference room. All are welcome whether contemplating membership or not. It's a great chance to get to know some other people, and get information. Those who choose to join following the class will be received as members on **Sunday, February 4** during worship. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call church to let us know you're coming. The nursery will be staffed during this time for families with young children.

Piano Concert on Jan 27th

On Saturday Jan 27 at 7:00pm, Mark Ochu, a gifted pianist, will be sharing a multi-media program for the young & the young at heart, exploring family influences on composers/ musicians and their influence on the world – from local to global. This is a free concert and will last about an hour. Grab a friend and come listen to some beautiful music!



Other Ministry Updates

Nursery

Did you know BUMC's Nursery is staffed every Sunday from 8:45 - 10:15am? And it is especially designed for younger children (typically 1st grade and younger) while parents are attending worship. You may drop your child off before worship starts or bring them after the Early Word.

Help Make Soup on February 2

Help make soup for the Frozen Meals ministry "Soup-er" Bowl Sunday fundraiser. Debbie Bishop has scheduled a soup making day for **Friday, Feb. 2 at 9:30 am**. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. We will also have a donation signup sheet for supplies posted next week. If you've wanted to join us, but never have before, now's the time! It's not only a great gift to others, but a fun time of fellowship as well.



Faith Stepping Stone

1st Grade families, please remember that there is a Faith Stepping Stone Class on Prayer this **Sunday, January 21st** and on **Sunday, January 28th** we will have a special blessing for your child during worship. Letters were mailed out with information, but any questions can be directed to Andrea@buffaloumc.com.



Blankets for Beds

The weather is turning colder and there is ALWAYS a need for new or gently used blankets for the Food Shelf. Whenever you have some, please drop them in the Blanket Bin outside of the Church office or contact Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260 and she will pick them up. Other than pillows, any and all bedding is needed.

Hospitality Volunteers

Thank you to all the hard working Fellowship time Coffee servers. You all have done such a great job in serving us after Worship. If you would like to volunteer to help in this ministry, contact Michelle in the church office.

Meals on Wheels in February

Don't forget that February is our month to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels delivery in Buffalo! This is our last week to have times available exclusively to BUMC so sign up live on Sunday with Debbie after worship in the Fellowship Hall or online [HERE](#).



Phone/Picture Directories Available

If you need an updated BUMC phone and address directory, pick up a copy on the wall in the entryway.

Do you have a Church Key?

Do you or a passed love one have a Church key? Has your ministry role ended? We are trying to regulate the number of keys in circulation, to assign keys based on need, and for security purposes. Please return any unused keys to the office.



It's Chili Cook Off Time!!

Since we live in MN we know winters are cold!! But, one thing heats things up every year and that's our chili cook off! Feb 18th is the day so mark your calendars, get your recipes ready, and get excited to eat some amazing chili! Tasters are needed so please plan to stay and be our judges during fellowship!



Secure Giving



Worship Registration

