



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Jan 26**

**This Sunday, Jan 28 @ 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 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?

### **Scripture Reading**

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time. 2 Timothy 1:6-9 (NIV)

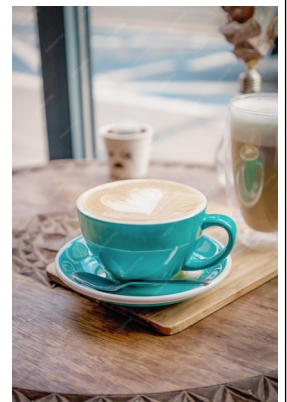
### **Next Sunday — Reset Values | Galatians 5:24-6:10**

What does it mean to live by God's Spirit and not our own, to live according to God's values and not those of the world?

**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 27** 7:00 pm Mark Ochu Piano Concert
- Jan 28** 9:00 am Worship with FSS Blessing  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:00 am Education Hour  
10:15 am New Member Class
- Jan 30** 12:00 pm Dynamite Prayer Study  
6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting
- Jan 31** 6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night  
6:30 pm Handbells
- Feb 1** 1:00 pm Game Day  
6:30 pm Dynamite Prayer Zoom Group
- Feb 2** 9:30 am Souper Bowl Soup Making
- Feb 3** 9:00 am Rule of Christ Training
- Feb 4** 9:00 am Worship with Communion and New Member Blessing  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:00 am Education Hour

### Rule Of Christ Training

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. Everyone in the congregation over the age of 16 is strongly encouraged to attend this workshop. This is an individual, family, work, school, and church-equipping life tool that you will want to understand and begin using right away.

### Dynamite Prayer Initiative

We have 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** or over Zoom on **Thursdays at 6:30**. Everyone is still welcome to join!

### 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! We will be serving hot ham sliders, tator tots, salad, pickles and cookies.



### Membership Class January 28

Come learn more about Buffalo UMC and Methodism in general this **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

This **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!

### 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!





## Other Ministry Updates

### Faith Stepping Stone

This **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](mailto:Andrea@buffaloumc.com).



### Donations Needed for Soup Making

Thank you to everyone that signed up to make soup for the "Soup-er" Bowl Sunday fund raiser. For those of you that would still like to participate, we have a donation sheet for supplies needed posted on the bulletin board. All donations should be dropped off at church by Wed, January 31. Thank you for supporting this wonderful mission!

### Meals on Wheels in February

Meals on Wheels in February Don't forget that February is our month to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels delivery in Buffalo! There are still times available so please help if you can! Either click the QR code on the poster in the lobby or you can sign up online [HERE](#).



### Food Shelf

During the year of 2023, BUMC donated 391 lbs. of food and products (lots of diapers, cereal, and snacks). A huge thanks for all of the donations!



American Red Cross

Blood Services

### Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. Your blood donation is needed now to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed. BUMC will be hosting a blood drive on **Thursday, February 29th from 10am -4 pm**. To make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or click [here](#). If you have any question or need help signing up call Peter Metcalf at 507-828-2755.

### Finance Team

Year to date 2023, annual income of \$296,625 exceeded annual expenses of \$287,611 by \$9,014. Our Christmas offering of \$3,190 went to the Emma Norton Residence and the Simpson Housing Services. These are two great causes that serve our community. Thank you for your abundant and generous giving that went above and beyond to meet the needs of the church.

### 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.



### Thursday Game Day This Week



Warm up your spirit and enjoy relaxed fellowship at our Game Day this **Thursday, January 4 from 1:00-4:00 pm**. Coffee is provided and you should bring a snack to share. A variety of games are enjoyed.

### 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.

### Phone/Picture Directories Available

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

### Secure Giving



### Worship Registration

