



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Dec 29

This Sunday, Dec 31 @ 9:00 am

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

This Sunday — Words Have Power! with Curtis Rieck

When we get together and sing songs we think of it as the worship part of the service. It is, and it consists of us speaking out about God, look at the lyrics as we sing, It's "He did this for me and this for me and this for me."

The Bible's covered in stories like this. If you pick up your Bible and page through it it's a lot of the same thing over and over again. God did something awesome...and they all went and told everyone about it.

Scripture Reading

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart. Luke 6:45

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." Luke 2: 8-14

New 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!



Next Sunday — Soul Reset | Luke 3:21-23

Resetting your soul begins with remembering who you are. In baptism, God calls us beloved.

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

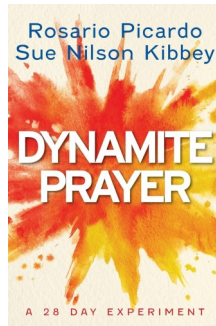


Other Ministry Updates

- Dec 31** 9:00 am Worship with Curtis Rieck
10:00 am Fellowship
- Jan 2** 9:00 am Commodity Distribution
7:00 pm Property Team Meeting
- Jan 3** 3:00 pm Guest Connection Meeting
6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night
6:30 pm Handbells
- Jan 4** 1:00 pm Game Day
- Jan 7** 9:00 am Worship with Communion
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Congregational Care Team

Dynamite Prayer Initiative

Starting in January, for 4 weeks, we will be inviting everyone to participate in a 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. Consider picking up your own copy for personal study or we'll have copies available at 50% off, starting next **Sunday, January 7th**.



If you would like to be a part of a group that discusses this devotional, Pastor Amy will be facilitating a casual conversation over lunch at on Tuesdays **noon to 1:00pm** starting **January 16th**. There is more information and a sign-up sheet in the entry way. 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.

Thank you

Thank you for the items donated to the food shelf at the Happy Birthday, Jesus Party. There were 80 lbs. worth!! The gifts for Jesus were wonderful!

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on **December 31**.

2024 Christmas Offering

This year our Christmas offerings will go to the Emma Norton Residence and the Simpson Housing Services. Emma Norton provides housing and growth for women and families on their journey to recovery and Simpson Housing houses, supports, and advocates for people experiencing homelessness. There is still time to give your offering.

Take Poinsettias Home

You are welcome to take home any poinsettias that still remain. Thank you again for brightening our sanctuary this Christmas season!

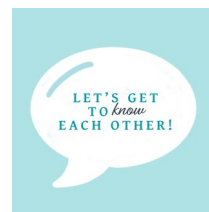
“Discover BUMC”

If you are a newcomer and have questions, consider attending the “Discover BUMC” gathering **Sunday, January 14** at a marked table in the fellowship hall after worship, hosted by our Guest Connections team. You can get acquainted with others and ask questions about the Methodist church or this congregation. All are welcome!

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.



Let's Get to Know Each Other!!

On **Jan 14th** after worship, we will have an opportunity for you to get to know Pastor Amy better and for her to get to know YOU better! Grab your coffee and a treat and meet in the Conference room for some casual conversation! Please sign up on the bulletin board.